

HMIS COVID-19 FAQs

Why are we collecting data on COVID-19? The information obtained in the COVID-19 Sub-Assessment and High-Risk Screening will be used to better understand the risks COVID-19 poses to the Maricopa County homeless population. In addition, this information will better allow the community to prioritize and advocate for additional resources to better serve our homeless population.

Where do we record the COVID-19 Data? All COVID-19 data entry will occur on the UDE Assessment.

When do we collect COVID-19 Data? This data may be collected at any time throughout the normal course of service delivery for a client or family.

Who do we record the COVID-19 Sub-Assessment for? Any client which meets one of the three following criteria should have a sub-assessment record created:

1. When clients self-identify as having fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.
 - a) If clients normally have these symptoms, case managers can ask if the symptoms are worse than usual. Be sure to record symptomatic cases on the same day or as closely to the date clients self-identify.
2. To record that a client has recovered from COVID-19.
3. To record that client has taken a test (of any type) for COVID-19.

Who do we complete the High-Risk Screening Questions for? All clients who are literally homeless or accessing Coordinated Entry resources. For families, this screening will be completed on the Head of Household's profile.

How do we record High-Risk Screening Questions for family members? For a household, the COVID-19 High-Risk Screening questions will be completed on the Head of Household's profile. This screening applies to **all** household members, though. For example, if another member of the household presents with diabetes – and NOT the Head of Household – you would still record a “Yes” for diabetes on the Head of Household's profile. This screening, while on the Head of Household's profile, is a **household** screening.

What if more than 1 household member meets the Advanced Age criteria? Select the age range of the oldest household member.

Is the COVID-19 High-Risk Screening completed for singles and families? Yes, this screening should be completed for both single clients and households with multiple clients. In both cases, the screening will be completed on the Head of Household's profile.

Does the COVID-19 High Risk Screening impact data entry for the Disabilities Sub-Assessment? No, the COVID-19 Screening does not affect normal data entry for the disabilities sub-assessment. As a result, the disabilities sub-assessment should continue to be collected on **all** clients. Data entry guidance for the COVID-19 High Risk Screening is unique and **does not apply** to the disabilities sub-assessment.