
NM DDSD Guidance for Reporting COVID-19 events using General Events Reports (GER) in Therap

- COVID-19 Related Events must be reported in Therap using the General Event Reports (GER). Events include Suspected or Confirmed Exposure, COVID-19 Testing including results, and COVID-19 Related Death.
- The COVID-19 GER module includes options for each of these events.
- The purpose of General Events Reporting (GER) is to report, track and analyze events, which pose a risk to adults in the DD Waiver program, but do not meet criteria for Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation, or other reportable incidents as defined by NMAC 7.14.3, Incident Reporting and Investigation Requirements for Provider Agencies of Community Based Services. See also Medicaid Waiver Standards' requirements in section 19.2, General Events Reporting (GER), pp. 234-5.
- Please adhere to the following guidelines:
 - Enter GERs related to infection and note if the person has had a COVID test or not.
 - "Screening" means that an individual was assessed for symptoms related to COVID-19 (e.g., by a health care provider) but does not necessarily mean that a COVID test was performed.
 - COVID-19 test results must also be reported through a GER. Update the existing GER in the Review/Follow-Up section. Test results must be reported for both positive and negative results.
 - Repeat tests for COVID-19 must also be reported using a separate GER. For example, a second or third test must be reported as well as test results. For example, *"Second COVID-19 test was performed at St Mary's Hospital on 4/19/2020. Test results came back positive on 4/22/2020."*
 - Out-of-Home Placements: If the person was admitted to the hospital or a nursing home, please note *as soon as possible* if there was a COVID-19 test completed during the hospital stay and note the results of the test as soon as it is known.
 - *"Bob admitted to Presbyterian Hospital due to cough and fever. COVID-19 test conducted in ER on 4/25/2020. Was admitted to medical floor from ER for dehydration 4/26/2020. Reported negative COVID-19 test on 4/28/2020. "*
 - *"5/1/2020: Notified by guardian that Bob was transferred to ICU on 4/29/2020. Second COVID-19 test conducted on 4/29/2020 which came back positive on 5/1/2020. Remains in ICU on ventilator."*

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