

COVID-19 Alert No. 6

Placement of the ICD-10 code for COVID-19 (U07.1) in NCHS' standard cause-of-death tabulation lists

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NCHS has received questions regarding where the new ICD-10 code for COVID-19 (U07.1) will fall in NCHS' standard cause-of-death tabulation lists, especially the List of 113 Selected Causes of Death. The List of 113 Selected Causes of Death is of particular interest as this list is key for designating the rankable causes that determine the leading causes of death in the U.S.

NCHS standard cause-of-death tabulation lists are described in NCHS' [Instruction Manual, Part 9: Underlying Cause-of-Death Lists for Tabulating Mortality Statistics](#). This manual will be updated in the coming months with the new code for COVID-19. In the meantime, NCHS is providing the following summary of changes:

TABLE A. LIST OF 358 SELECTED CAUSES OF DEATH

U07.1 will be added to the category "All other and unspecified viral diseases" (cause number 44).

TABLE B. LIST OF 113 SELECTED CAUSES OF DEATH AND ENTEROCOLITIS DUE TO *CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE*

The title of the list will change to "LIST OF 113 SELECTED CAUSES OF DEATH, ENTEROCOLITIS DUE TO *CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE*, AND COVID-19"

U07.1 will be added to the category "Other and unspecified infectious and parasitic diseases and their sequelae" (cause number 17).

A new line for "COVID-19" (with ICD-10 code U07.1) will be added to the bottom of the list below "Enterocolitis due to *Clostridium difficile*." The new line will be preceded by "#", indicating that the cause is eligible to be ranked as a leading cause of death.

TABLE C. LIST OF 130 SELECTED CAUSES OF INFANT DEATH

U07.1 will be added to the category "Other and unspecified viral diseases" (cause number 16).

TABLE D. LIST OF 39 SELECTED CAUSES OF DEATH

U07.1 will be added to the category "All other diseases (Residual)" (cause number 34).

TABLE E. LIST OF 124 SELECTED CAUSES OF FETAL DEATH

U07.1 will be added to the category "Other viral diseases" (cause number 3).

Other tabulation lists presented in the manual will not change. ICD-10 code U07.1 will also be added to Table M (valid codes), and Table P (which describes the changes over time to Table M) will be updated accordingly.

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