



CMS Flexibilities to Fight COVID-19
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CPT/HCPCS		Code		
Code	Laboratory Code Long Descriptor	Category		
COVID-19 Related Codes				
U0001	CDC 2019-nCoV Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel	COVID-19		
U0002	2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC)	COVID-19		
U0003	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), 2 amplified probe technique, making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R	COVID-19		
U0004	2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC, making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R	COVID-19		
87635	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique	COVID-19		
86769	Antibody; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])	COVID-19		
86328	Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody(ies), qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (eg, reagent strip); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])	COVID-19		
	Influenza/RSV Related Codes			
87275	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunofluorescent technique; influenza B virus	Influenza/RSV		
87276	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunofluorescent technique; influenza A virus	Influenza/RSV		
87279	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunofluorescent technique; Parainfluenza virus, each type	Influenza/RSV		

87400	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, (eg, enzyme immunoassay [EIA], enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay [ELISA], immunochemiluminometric assay [IMCA]) qualitative or semiquantitative, multiple-step method; Influenza, A or B, each	Influenza/RSV
87501	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); influenza virus, includes reverse transcription, when performed, and amplified probe technique, each type or subtype	Influenza/RSV
87502	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); influenza virus, for multiple types or subtypes, includes multiplex reverse transcription, when performed, and multiplex amplified probe technique, first 2 types or sub-types	Influenza/RSV
87503	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); influenza virus, for multiple types or subtypes, includes multiplex reverse transcription, when performed, and multiplex amplified probe technique, each additional influenza virus type or sub-type beyond 2 (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Influenza/RSV
87631	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); respiratory virus (eg, adenovirus, influenza virus, coronavirus, metapneumovirus, parainfluenza virus, respiratory syncytial virus, rhinovirus), includes multiplex reverse transcription, when performed, and multiplex amplified probe technique, multiple types or subtypes, 3-5 targets	Influenza/RSV
87632	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); respiratory virus (eg, adenovirus, influenza virus, coronavirus, metapneumovirus, parainfluenza virus, respiratory syncytial virus, rhinovirus), includes multiplex reverse transcription, when performed, and multiplex amplified probe technique, multiple types or subtypes, 6-11 targets	Influenza/RSV
87633	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); respiratory virus (eg, adenovirus, influenza virus, coronavirus, metapneumovirus, parainfluenza virus, respiratory syncytial virus, rhinovirus), includes multiplex reverse transcription, when performed, and multiplex amplified probe technique, multiple types or subtypes, 12-25 targets	Influenza/RSV
87804	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation; Influenza	Influenza/RSV
87280	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunofluorescent technique; respiratory syncytial virus	Influenza/RSV
87420	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, (eg, enzyme immunoassay [EIA], enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay [ELISA], immunochemiluminometric assay [IMCA]) qualitative or semiquantitative, multiple-step method; respiratory syncytial virus	Influenza/RSV

		Influenza/RSV
87634	technique	
	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation; respiratory	Influenza/RSV
87807	syncytial virus	

^{*} Other Medicare conditions of coverage and payment continue to apply, including any applicable local coverage determinations.