

New US-HHS Laboratory Reporting Requirements

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Situation Summary: The US-Health and Human Services (US-HHS) issued guidance on June 4, 2020 mandating laboratory reporting for COVID-19 disease. In summary, this mandate effectively requires laboratories testing for COVID-19 disease to send laboratory results and specific patient information within 24 hours to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

US-HHS gives several options for submitting data. In Kansas, laboratories will submit data directly to KDHE and KDHE will then submit de-identified data to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on a daily basis.

The following data elements must be submitted to KDHE. For several of these required data elements, the clinician ordering the SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic or serologic testing must collect the information and submit it to the reference laboratory along with the sample.

Required Data Elements:

- Test ordered (clinician or lab)
- Device identifier (lab only)
- Test result (lab only)
- Test result date (lab only)
- Accession number or specimen identification number (lab only)
- Patient age (clinician)
- Patient race (clinician)
- Patient ethnicity (clinician)
- Patient sex (clinician)
- Patient address including county of residence (clinician)
- Ordering provider name and NPI if applicable (clinician)
- Ordering provider address (clinician)
- Ordering provider phone number (clinician)
- Performing laboratory name and/or CLIA number (lab only)
- Performing laboratory zip code (lab only)
- Specimen source (clinician)
- Date test ordered (clinician)
- Date specimen collected (clinician)
- Patient name including last name, first name, and middle initial (clinician)
- Patient street address (clinician)
- Patient phone number with area code (clinician)

Read the laboratory data reporting guidance:

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance.pdf>

Read the laboratory data reporting FAQs:

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/laboratory-data-reporting-for-covid-19-testing-faqs.pdf>

For more information or to report suspect cases to KDHE contact the Epidemiology Hotline (1-877-427-7317).

