

## O0350. Resident's COVID-19 vaccination is up to date

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- 0. No, resident is not up to date
- 1. Yes, resident is up to date

## Item Rationale

### Health-related Quality of Life

- The intent of this item is to report if a person is up to date with their COVID-19 vaccine status.
- Age is the strongest risk factor for severe coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outcomes. In 2020, persons aged 65 years or older accounted for 81 percent of U.S. COVID-19-related deaths.
- Severe illness caused by COVID-19 means that the person with COVID-19 may require hospitalization, intensive care, or ventilator support for breathing, or may even die.

### Planning for Care

- A strong infection prevention and control program is vital to protect both residents and healthcare personnel.
- Remaining up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses is critical to protect both staff and residents from Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infection.
- COVID-19 vaccines currently approved or authorized by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration are effective in reducing the risk of serious outcomes of COVID-19, including severe disease, hospitalization, and death.
- Efforts to increase the number of people in the United States who are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines remain an important strategy for preventing illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths from COVID-19.
- A vaccine, like any other medicine, could possibly cause serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions. Serious problems from the COVID-19 vaccine are very rare. More information about potential side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine, precautions, and contraindications can be found on the CDC webpage “Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States” at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html#contraindications>.

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### Steps for Assessment

1. Vaccination status may be determined based on information from any available source.
  - Review the resident's medical record or documentation of COVID-19 vaccination and/or interview the resident, family or other caregivers or healthcare providers to determine whether the resident is up to date with their COVID-19 vaccine.
2. If the resident is **not up to date**, and the facility has the vaccine available, ask the resident if they would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

### Coding Instructions

- Code 0, No, resident is not up to date if the resident does not meet the CDC's definition of up to date.
  - This includes residents who have not received one or more recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses **for any reason** including medical, religious, or other qualified exemptions.
  - This includes residents for whom vaccination status cannot be determined.
- Code 1, Yes, resident is up to date if the resident meets the CDC's definition of up to date.
- A dash is a valid response, indicating the item was not assessed. CMS expects dash use to be a rare occurrence.

#### DEFINITION

##### UP TO DATE for COVID-19 Vaccine

For the definition of "up to date," providers should refer to the CDC webpage "Staying Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines" at <https://www.cdc.gov/covid/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>.

### Coding Tip

- Current COVID-19 vaccine recommendations are available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) webpage "Staying Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines" at <https://www.cdc.gov/covid/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>.

