

CPT reporting for COVID-19 Testing

Where is the patient assessed?

	In office		E/M Telehealth		Telephone	Virtual check-in or online visit
Assessment	New patient		Established patient		New or established patient	New or established patient
	99201	99212	99201*	99212*	99441	99421
	99202	99213	(typical time 10 min.)	(typical time 10 min.)	(5–10 min.)	(5–10 min.)
	99203	99214	99202*	99213*	99442	99422
	99204	99215	(typical time 20 min.)	(typical time 15 min.)	(11–20 min.)	(11–20 min.)
	99205		99203*	99214*	99443	99423
			(typical time 30 min.)	(typical time 25 min.)	(21–30 min.)	(21–30 min.)
			99204*	99215*		G2010
			(typical time 45 min.)	(typical time 40 min.)		Remote images
			99205*			G2012
			(typical time 45 min.)			Virtual check-in

Where is the swab collected?

Swab collection	During E/M in-person visit		Go to office or group practice's testing site for swab	Go to independent testing site
	N/A (included in E/M)		99211 99000** (if code requirements are met)	99211 99001** (if code requirements are met)

Where is the test performed?

COVID-19 Test Conducted	Laboratory
	87635 (Reported by laboratory)

* = See Medicare will pay telehealth at office visit rates and not conduct audits to ensure prior relationship.

CMS requires use of modifier 95 for telehealth services; other payors may require its use.

Individual states (through Executive Order) or payors may permit use of E/M codes with audio-only encounters.

CMS will permit reporting of telehealth E/M office or other outpatient visits based on time or Medical Decision Making (MDM).

**Check with specific payor. Not covered by Medicare

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