Entering External COVID-19 Results

If a patient has tested positive for COVID-19 and the test was not done at UIHC, the result should be entered in the chart using Enter/Edit Results. Timely documentation of the result is essential to drive clinical decision support tools in the chart. If the result date was <30 days ago, the COVID-19 infection will be automatically added to the chart. If the result date is between 30-180 days ago, the COVID-19 infection will be added and auto-resolved for outpatients and you will see the recently recovered banner/advisory. For inpatients, the infection may need to be resolved by a provider when clinically appropriate. Review the Infection Screening tip sheet for the most up-to-date information about BPAs and advisories.

1. From the Enter/Edit Results activity, click the Ext Result button on the toolbar.

2. In the popup window, search for “ext covid” in the Additional test field and choose “External COVID-19 [LAB8974]”

3. Complete the “ordered by” and “order date” fields if the information is known. If you leave the “ordered by” field blank, the result will be recorded as “Patient Reported.”

4. Complete required fields including lab name (use ‘External Lab’ if lab name cannot be found), collection date, value (positive or negative), and result date. Include a Results Message recipient if you want this result to go to a provider In Basket.

5. A copy of the result should be scanned to the Media tab and attached to the external COVID order/result. Refer to the Enter/Edit Results tip sheet for more information.

Need more info about Entering External Results? Visit Enter/Edit Results on the Epic Education A-Z site.