

COVID Testing Data



Date range: January 1, 2020 to most currently available

Core vs. Non-Core Data

Core Data: Some BC Ministry of Health data sets available through PopData and HDPBC are called 'Core Data'. A Core Data set is a standardized 'bundle' of commonly requested variables. A Core Data set may not include **ALL** the variables available in the data set. For example, some Core Data variables, such as geography or organisational codes, are suppressed to meet privacy legislation requirements.

Non-Core Data: Non-Core Data are variables that are **NOT** included in the standardized Core Data set. Non-Core Data is available for request **as an addition** to the Core Data set.

For the majority of DARs, requesting access to Core Data ONLY may make the data access approval process quicker and may expedite data provision. Data requests that include Non-Core Data will be subject to regular rather than expedited processes, both for application review and data provisioning.

ALL AVAILABLE VARIABLES

| Name | Core vs Non-Core | Description |
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| Client PHN (Replaced by project-specific patient id) | Core | Client Identifier. |
| Covid19 Test Results | Core | Test result. Values are: POSITIVE, negative, Indeterminate and "check result" |
| Valid Ministry Client | Core | Flag Y/N. When LAB Report had PHN attached to it value will be Y otherwise N. |
| Battery Effective Date Time | Core | Battery Effective Date Time |
| Battery Subtype | Core | The following codes are used (values in parentheses represent original PLIS Act Codes). |
| Battery (FILLER) Identifier | Core | Battery (FILLER) Identifier (i.e., identifier for the lab test order) |
| Battery Level PCLOCD Code | Core | Battery Level PCLOCD Code (i.e. PCLOCD code for the test reported on the battery level) |
| Original Text for Battery Level Code | Core | Original Text for Battery Level PCLOCD Code |
| Specimen Collection Start Time | Core | Specimen Collection Start Time |
| Specimen Collection End Time | Core | Specimen Collection End Time |
| Observation Level PCLOCD Code | Core | Observation Level PCLOCD Code (i.e., PCLOCD code for the test reported on the observation level) |
| Observation Level PCLOCD Code System | Core | Observation Level PCLOCD Code System |
| Original Text for Observation Code | Core | Original Text for Observation PCLOCD Code |
| Observation Effective Time HIGH | Core | Observation Effective Time HIGH |
| Observation Effective Time LOW | Core | Observation Effective Time LOW |

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