

# **HMIS Release Notes**

## Collecting COVID-19 Vaccine Status at Intake - Update

#### September 2, 2021

### What are the changes?

Beginning 9/2/2021, the COVID-19 vaccination questions will be included in several new client intake workflows. Previously, only Coordinated Access Network, Emergency Shelter, and Transitional Housing programs included the questions in the intake workflow.

The data collection will continue to be part of the left side menu for all user roles as outlined in the 3/18/21 release to update an existing client's vaccination and testing information.

For programs that use the paper intake packet an additional form has been created to collect the information.

The following information can now be entered as part of the intake workflow:

- Vaccination Status
- First Dose Scheduling
- COVID-19 Vaccine Type Used

Information entered via the workflow can be reviewed and edited in the standalone from which is located under:

Case Management tab > Left Menu > COVID-19 > COVID 19 Vaccinations (CURRENT CLIENT).

Information entered via the workflow will also populate in a simple report to view the vaccination data:

Case Management tab > Left Menu > COVID-19 > COVID 19 Vaccinations Report.

Programs may also consider adopting the best practice of uploading a copy of a client's vaccination card to HMIS as additional documentation.

Note: Collecting this information does not make a program subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).



#### Which users are impacted?

The following user roles will now see questions about a client's COVID-19 vaccination status as part of the intake workflow:

- DOH AIDS/HOPWA
- DOH Emergency Solutions ESG
- PATH Outreach
- Supportive Housing
- Supportive Services (SSVF)

The following user roles will continue to collect vaccine data collection at intake as was outlined in the 7/15/21 release notes:

- Coordinated Access Network
- Emergency Shelter (ES)
- Transitional Living (TLP)

## How does this help?

Adding questions about a client's vaccination status to the intake workflow will streamline and improve the data collection.

Vaccination data can be used to:

- Determine how many people experiencing homelessness are vaccinated or scheduled to be vaccinated.
- Remind people who may need their second dose of vaccine or booster shots
- Mitigate COVID-19 outbreaks in congregate shelters.

## When will I see this change in HMIS?

This change is expected to be rolled out on September 2, 2021.

## Screenshots of Changes

**COVID-19 Vaccine Data Collection in Workflow** 



