7. Recording and reporting

It is vital to record and report cases of COVID-19 in order to track the size and severity of the epidemic, the care received by patients in and out of hospital, and to identify areas for improvement in current and future outbreaks. There are different tools which will be needed to record and report clinical cases of COVID-19.

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<td>To be completed for all individuals suspected of COVID-19 disease and having a specimen taken</td>
<td>This needs to be completed for all patients from whom COVID-19 samples are collected.</td>
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<td>Laboratory specimen submission form</td>
<td>For all COVID-19 specimens</td>
<td>Always include patient’s ID/passport number and contact details</td>
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<td>Clinical platform for hospitalised patients</td>
<td>To be completed for all confirmed inpatients daily (until discharge).</td>
<td>This form will document the presence of comorbidities, clinical progression, treatment and outcomes.</td>
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<td>Home assessment forms¹</td>
<td>To be completed at de-isolation, for all patients being cared for at home</td>
<td>This form will document patient progress and outcomes</td>
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<td>Notifiable medical condition (NMC) case notification</td>
<td>To be completed for all confirmed COVID-19 cases</td>
<td>No longer required to notify suspected cases, only confirmed cases.</td>
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¹ A paper/modifiable PDF version of the home assessment form is available at the NICD’s website. Completed forms should be emailed to ncov@nicd.ac.za

The online version of the contact line list is available at https://cci.nicd.ac.za. It is also available as an app on Android mobile devices: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.NICD.contactTracer&gl=ZA

The clinical platform for hospitalized patients is available at: https://nicd.comunity.me/d/NICD/

Online versions of the NMC forms can be completed at https://mstrmobile.nicd.ac.za/nmc/ An Android app for this is also available at the same link.
References


