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# Global update

## Circulars

Access private hospital circulars at: [Private hospital circulars](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2019-index1) <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2019-index1>

Access hospital circulars at: [Hospital circulars](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/news-and-events/hospitalcirculars) <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/news-and-events/hospitalcirculars>

## Revised specifications for revisions to VAED, VEMD, ESIS and VINAH for 2020–21

Due to the need to focus on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a decision was made to review the annual changes and proceed only with those likely to have minimal impact on health services and the continuity of data flow to the department.

Revised Specifications for revisions to the VAED, VEMD, ESIS and VINAH for 2020–21 are available at [HDSS annual changes](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/data-reporting/health-data-standards-systems/annual-changes) <<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/data-reporting/health-data-standards-systems/annual-changes>>

## New COVID-19 reporting section on HDSS website

For information regarding reporting, refer to COVID-19 documents and HDSS Bulletins from issue 227 at [HDSS Communications](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/data-reporting/health-data-standards-systems/hdss-communications) <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/data-reporting/health-data-standards-systems/hdss-communications>

**The most recently published documents are listed below.**

### ****COVID-19****

**Guidelines**

COVID-19 Daily Capacity and Occupancy Register- Guidelines for reporting

COVID-19 Daily Capacity and Occupancy Register HealthCollect Guidelines

**Frequently Asked Questions**

COVID-19 Urgent Care Centre (UCC) Reporting- Frequently Asked Questions

COVID-19 Daily Capacity and Occupancy Register Frequently Asked Questions

# Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

## New Readiness for Surgery code V Ready for surgery – delayed due to COVID-19 response

A new Readiness for Surgery code has been added to identify delays due to COVID-19 response.

**Readiness for Surgery**

V Ready for surgery – delayed due to COVID-19 response.

This code should be reported when non-urgent surgery (Cat 2 or 3) has been delayed due to COVID-19 response.

**Heath services that have made patients Not Ready for Surgery due to COVID-19 should amend the records as above.**

Urgent surgery has not been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Cat 1 patients are still expected to be treated within 30 days.

# Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

## Hospital in the Home (HITH) phone calls

There is no change to current practice. Phone calls are not a substitute for admitted care. Where a HITH patient does not receive any admitted type services on a particular date, this day should be recorded as a leave with permission day.

# Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

## COVID-19 staff screening clinics

Health services that provide COVID-19 staff screening clinics should report this activity to the department in the VEMD. Alternatively, health services can report this data using a modified VEMD file extract. [Email HDSS help desk](mailto:HDSS.helpdesk@dhhs.vic.gov.au) <[HDSS.helpdesk@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:HDSS.helpdesk@dhhs.vic.gov.au)> for the VEMD ‘lite’ file specifications.

# Victorian Integrated Non-Admitted Health Minimum Dataset (VINAH)

## Optional reporting in 2020-21

On 9 April 2020, an email was sent from the HDSS Helpdesk notifying health services that minimal changes to datasets would occur in 2020-21.

In addition to the list of VINAH changes identified as not proceeding, the following data elements will continue to remain optional for 2020-21:

* Contact Start/End Date Time
* Referral in Clinical Urgency for Palliative Care
* Reporting of multiple Referral in Outcome / Referral in Outcome Dates

## Telehealth reporting

Following queries to the HDSS help desk, it was identified there may be some confusion about how to report telehealth non admitted activity. The following advice is to provide clarity.

**Telehealth reporting guide**

Non admitted activity delivered to a patient using videoconference i.e. Skype, FaceTime, Healthdirect video conference or other similar video application is in scope for VINAH reporting provided it meets the criteria for a contact.

**Example 1**

The contact is delivered by the health care provider to the patient/client at home or another non hospital setting.

Contact Client Present Status: 13-Patient /client via telehealth

Contact Delivery Mode: 3-Telehealth

Contact Delivery Setting: 31-Home or other applicable code

**Example 2**

The contact is delivered between a health care provider at one health service and the patient and health care provider is at another health service.

Provider

Contact Client Present Status: 13-Patient /client via telehealth

Contact Delivery Mode: 3-Telehealth

Contact Delivery Setting: The location of the patient i.e. Hospital setting clinic/centre, Community based health facility or other applicable code.

Provider where the patient is physically present

Contact Client Present Status:10-Patient/client present with or without carer(s)/relative(s), 11-Patient/client present only or 12-Patient/client present with carer(s)/relative(s)

Contact Delivery Mode: 3-Telehealth

Contact Delivery Setting: The location of the patient. i.e. Hospital setting clinic/centre, Community based health facility or other applicable code.

**Example 3**

The contact is delivered between a health care provider at one location campus A and the patient and health service provider at another location campus B. Both health care providers are from the same health service and clinic. Report one contact only. The contact should be reported by Campus A.

Contact Client Present Status: 13-Patient /client via telehealth

Contact Delivery Mode: 3-Telehealth

Contact Delivery Setting: 12–Hospital setting – clinic centre or other applicable code

Contact Professional Group: Report one code for each participating health care provider

# Non-Admitted Data Expansion Project

## Non-Admitted Data Expansion Project on hold

With current demands on health services and the department in response to COVID-19, work has been temporarily paused on the Non-Admitted Data Expansion (NADE) project.

The department will contact health services when this project is reinstated, and work recommences.

The NADE project aims to ensure all health services are reporting patient level non admitted activity, for those programs in scope for national reporting.

# Contact details

The Data Collections unit manages several Victorian health data collections including:

* Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)
* Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)
* Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)
* Agency Information Management System (AIMS)
* Victorian Integrated Non-Admitted Health Minimum Dataset (VINAH)
  + F1 data collections (technical support)

The HDSS Bulletin is produced at intervals to provide:

* answers to common questions recently directed to the HDSS help desk
* communication regarding the implementation of revisions to data collection specifications, including notification of amendments to specified data collection reference tables
* feedback on selected data quality studies undertaken
  + information on upcoming events

**Website**

[HDSS website](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/data-reporting/health-data-standards-systems) <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/data-reporting/health-data-standards-systems>

**HDSS help desk**

Enquiries regarding data collections and requests for standard reconciliation reports

[Email HDSS help desk](mailto:HDSS.helpdesk@dhhs.vic.gov.au) <HDSS.helpdesk@dhhs.vic.gov.au>

**Other Victorian health data requests**

[VAHI Data Request Hub](https://vahi.freshdesk.com/support/home) < https://vahi.freshdesk.com/support/home>

[Email HOSdata](mailto:Hosdata.frontdesk@vahi.vic.gov.au) [Hosdata.frontdesk@vahi.vic.gov.au](mailto:Hosdata.frontdesk@vahi.vic.gov.au)

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