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| Bulletin #46 |
| COVID-19 Mental Health – Triage MDS & CMI/ODS  April 2020 |

# COVID-19 Mental Health Data Triage MDS & CMI/ODS Purpose

* To outline New COVID-19 activity in Triage MDS & CMI/ODS data reporting
* In scope:
  + Capture of mental health triage data for mental health care in response to COVID-19 activity including returned travellers issued quarantine orders by an Authorised Officer
* Out of scope:
  + Capture of mental health triage data for persons undergoing at home self-isolation
  + Persons who are receiving inpatient treatment in a designated mental health service
  + Persons in accommodation provided by DHHS for the purpose of self-isolation

At this stage - usual mental health triage data reporting applies to this cohort.

## Background

* As of midnight, 28 March 2020, a mandatory requirement established that all travellers arriving into Melbourne from overseas were required to be quarantined for 14 days in hotel accommodation. Interstate travellers were only able to return to their home states following the mandatory quarantine period.
* On 12 April 2020 the Victorian Government announced a funding boost to support Victoria’s mental health system and ensure Victorians receive appropriate care, as demand for services spiked during the coronavirus crisis. This package is designed to assist those who already struggle with mental illness, as well as those who are experiencing it for the first time due to measures that are protecting the health system from being overrun by coronavirus

## Mental health Triage

### Triage Minimum Dataset reporting, in conjunction with other information sources, is being used by the Department of Health and Human Services to monitor and evaluate the COVID-19 impact to clinical mental health services and mental health consumers.

The following services are providing triage mental health support to persons living under mandatory COVID-19 quarantine:

* Melbourne Health
* Alfred Health
* St Vincent’s Health.

### Triage MDS reporting requirements – Data file

Within Triage MDS data txt file, record all triage mental health activity relating to mandatory COVID-19 quarantine using the following program type in column 12, and where response provided by the same team, column 16.

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| **Program Type Code** | **Program Type Description** |
| CSE1 | Comm, Public Health Emergency use - C & A |
| CSE2 | Comm, Public Health Emergency use - Adult |
| CSE3 | Comm, Public Health Emergency use - Aged |

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| **Triage MDS txt file Column number** | **Triage MDS txt file Column name** | **Data element** |
| 12 | Pgm\_Typ\_Intake | Program Type |
| 16 | Pgm\_Typ\_Response | Program Type |

Services using CMI/ODS to capture and report triage minimum dataset activity, can achieve the above by using the following subcentre program setup for COVID-19 triage activity

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| **SUBCENTRE** | | | | | |
| **Name** | **Subcentre Type** | **Program Class** | **OM Setting** | **Caseload** | **Open Reason** |
| Triage - COVID 19 | Community subcentre | Community | Not required | Not Required | New Service |

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| **PROGRAM** | | | | | | |
| **Description** | **Classification** | **Program Type** | **Target Population** | **AMHS** | **Fund Source** | **Start Date** |
| *Service discretion but must include the word “Quarantine”* | Community | Comm, Public Health Emergency use - C & A (Child & Adolescent) | Non Specific | (Local Service) | Triage Consultation and Liaison | 28/03/2020 |
| *Service discretion but must include the word “Quarantine”* | Community | Comm, Public Health Emergency use - Adult | Non Specific | (Local Service) | Triage Consultation and Liaison | 28/03/2020 |
| *Service discretion but must include the word “Quarantine”* | Community | Comm, Public Health Emergency use - Aged | Non Specific | (Local Service) | Triage Consultation and Liaison | 28/03/2020 |

**Data submission frequency requirements**

Reporting period and delivery date data requirements remain the same as triage MDS reporting ie.

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| **Triage MDS Reporting period** | **File submission received by:** | **Filename format** |
| 1st Nov 20 YY – 30th Apr 20 YY | 15th May 20 YY | TMDCCCC20 YY **10**BBBB.txt |
| 1st Dec 20 YY – 31st May 20 YY | 15th June 20 YY | TMDCCCC20 YY **11**BBBB.txt |

## Further information

* Current Information, updates and advice about the outbreak of the coronavirus disease  
   (COVID-19) is available here: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>
* For further Triage MDS information, please refer to [Triage minimum data set manual (version 12.0)](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/Api/downloadmedia/%7B9F94A234-6419-43E0-99B3-35F9B40CE102%7D)
* [CMI/ODS data reporting information](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/mental-health/research-and-reporting/reporting-requirements-for-clinical%20mental-health-services), please email: [MHDReporting@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:MHDReporting@dhhs.vic.gov.au)