

\*\*\*\*\*Community COVID-19 Incident Reporting Changes\*\*\*\*\*

September 16, 2022

With recognition of the continuing evolution of the healthcare environment and acknowledgement of the ongoing strain of limited workforce, we recognize that adjustments can again be made to reporting requirements in Image. The changes below are being implemented immediately to reduce the reporting burden on community providers. The reporting requirements focus primarily on areas where data collection is still necessary for continued efforts to support our individuals served. Hopefully this will help bring some relief to those completing data entry in the system. The changes below do not apply to State Hospitals or DBHDD staff – those requirements remain in effect.

FOR DD RELATED SERVICES:

The following entries are NO LONGER REQUIRED:

- COVID Exposure for individuals
- Any COVID incident types for staff members

The **ONLY REMAINING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS** are for **921 – Positive** and **922 – Death** for individuals only.

	920 Exposed	921 Positive	922 Death	923 Recovery
Staff	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Individual	Not required	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	Not required

*DD Providers should continue to work with the DBHDD Office of Health and Wellness staff who will maintain follow-up activities on individuals who test positive until that individual is no longer identified as being positive for COVID 19 or in the event of death, reported as deceased. (Note: Resolution of positive will be based upon CDC Guidelines for designation of COVID 19 negative status.)*

FOR BH RELATED SERVICES INCLUDING CSU/BHCC:

The **ONLY REMAINING REPORTING REQUIREMENT** is for **922 – Deaths** for individuals only.

There are NO COVID related reporting requirements for positives or exposures for individuals served or staff members.

	920 Exposed	921 Positive	922 Death	923 Recovery
Staff	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Individual	Not required	Not required	REQUIRED	Not required

Thank you for your continued support in reporting the incident types as outlined above. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at [dbhddincidents@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:dbhddincidents@dbhdd.ga.gov) and we will assist you.