

COVID-19 NFIRS Special Study guidelines for NFIRS report

In the MEFIRS system as a Supplemental Question:

In the Basic Module: field is “COVID-19 was a factor in this incident”

Codes are:

- 1 – Yes, COVID 19 was suspected.
- 2 – Yes, COVID 19 was confirmed.
- 3 – No, COVID 19 was not a factor.
- 4 – Unknown

Other vendor reporting packages may have loaded this Special Study into their reports a different way.

Recommendations from the USDA regarding how to document COVID-19 exposures

BASIC MODULE

- Incident Type field (C): Document the type of situation found.
- Code the “COVID-19 was a factor in this incident” field in MEFIRS
- Resources (G1): Include accurate counts and listings of apparatus and personnel used in response to these types of incidents.
- Fire Service Casualties (H1): Record Fire Service health exposures and potential health exposures in the injuries field. Note: One Fire Service Casualty Module will need to be created for each injury/exposure listed.
- Remarks: Clearly document the incident and identify COVID-19 in the text.

EMS MODULE

Use this module to document patient-specific information.

FIRE SERVICE CASUALTY (FSC) MODULE

This module can be used to capture incident scene exposures as a “first report” of contact with known or suspected COVID-19 cases. There are a few things to keep in mind:

- It is up to the FD as to whether they wish to use the FSC module to record this information
- The number of FSC modules must equal the number of Fire Service injuries listed on the Basic Module (for example, if there are 20 personnel on the scene who were exposed to COVID-19, then 20 individual FSC modules should be completed - one for every person on the scene)
- Severity (G3) = 1 (report only, including exposures)
- All required fields will need to be completed on the FSC module, including: gender, casualty number, age, date/time of injury, severity, etc.

REMARKS (Narrative)

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