



Update _2_0_159

Clinical Reminders

**VA-COVID-19 TEMPLATE UPDATES
Install Guide**

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Introduction

DESCRIPTION:

1. Based on feedback from the field, input from subject matter experts, and correlation with current CDC guidelines this update contains changes to the following COVID-19 reminder dialogs. The version number on all four of these templates has been updated:
 - VA-COVID-19 TELEPHONE FOLLOW-UP
 - VA-COVID-19 PROVIDER FOLLOW-UP
 - VA-COVID-19 DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS
 - VA-COVID-19 RETURN TO WORK
2. The alternate dialog text was updated in the COVID-19 screening template to remove the word “they”. The version of the screening templates did not change as this change is not in the dialog text seen by the user completing the COVID-19 screening template.
3. The xml field VA-PPE TYPE used in the provider follow up template has been updated, this field is locally editable so you can add local items if appropriate post install.

Additional Information:

Discharge template and instructions in provider screen discharge section – one of these choices is required:

Duration of Isolation and Precautions for Adults with COVID-19

Home isolation can be discontinued based on the following:

- Severe/Critical Illness and/or Severely Immunocompromised
 - 20 days since symptoms first appeared
 - At least 1 day (24 hours) has passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
 - AND, Symptoms have improved (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)
- Mild/Moderate Illness or Asymptomatic
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared (or, if asymptomatic, since first positive viral diagnostic test)
 - At least 1 day (24 hours) has passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
 - AND, Symptoms have improved (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)

Return to Work template – one section only updated – added a new option for severe illness

Health Care Workers/First Responders

- CHRISTMAS,MERRY is a health care worker/first responder with a HIGH or MEDIUM risk exposure to COVID-19.
- CHRISTMAS,MERRY is a health care worker/first responder with a LOW risk exposure to COVID-19.
- CHRISTMAS,MERRY is a health care worker/first responder and has MILD/MODERATE COVID-19 or suspicious symptoms of COVID-19.
- CHRISTMAS,MERRY is a health care worker/first responder and has SEVERE/CRITICAL COVID-19 illness and/or is severely immunocompromised with COVID-19 illness.
- CHRISTMAS,MERRY is a health care worker/first responder and has COVID-19 by lab test without symptoms.

Mild moderate:

CHRISTMAS,MERRY is a health care worker/first responder and has MILD/MODERATE COVID-19 or suspicious symptoms of COVID-19.

Patient may return to work when ALL of the following criteria are met or as per your facility policy:

- It has been at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared (or, if asymptomatic, since their first positive viral diagnostic test)
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) have improved

Severe:

Health Care Workers/First Responders

- CHRISTMAS,MERRY is a health care worker/first responder with a HIGH or MEDIUM risk exposure to COVID-19.
- CHRISTMAS,MERRY is a health care worker/first responder with a LOW risk exposure to COVID-19.
- CHRISTMAS,MERRY is a health care worker/first responder and has MILD/MODERATE COVID-19 or suspicious symptoms of COVID-19.
- CHRISTMAS,MERRY is a health care worker/first responder and has SEVERE/CRITICAL COVID-19 illness and/or is severely immunocompromised with COVID-19 illness.

Patient may return to work when ALL of the following criteria are met or as per your facility policy:

- It has been at least 20 days since symptoms first appeared
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) have improved

Telephone follow up note, care disposition section updated, added asymptomatic, updated recovered criteria for improving and stable options:

Indicate patient condition:*

- Patient remains asymptomatic since diagnosis
- Improving
- Stable (neither improving not worsening)
- Worsening

Care Disposition*

Please use the following link for definitions regarding severely immunocompromised and mild, moderate, severe and critical illness.

[Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of P](#)

Indicate patient condition:*

Patient remains asymptomatic since diagnosis Comment:

Patient is Severely Immunocompromised

Patient must meet the below criteria for stopping home isolation.
- It has been at least 20 days since their first positive viral diagnostic test.

Patient has met CDC guidelines for stopping home isolation ("transmission-based precautions") and is released from follow-up.
Patient advised to contact their clinic with future concerns.

Patient is NOT Severely Immunocompromised

Patient must meet the below criteria for stopping home isolation.
- It has been at least 10 days since their first positive viral diagnostic test.

Patient has met CDC guidelines for stopping home isolation ("transmission-based precautions") and is released from follow-up.
Patient advised to contact their clinic with future concerns.

Improving Comment:

Patient with Severe/Critical Illness and/or Severe Immunocompromise

Patient must meet the below criteria for stopping home isolation.
- At least 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
AND
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
AND
- Symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) have improved

Patient has met CDC guidelines for stopping home isolation ("transmission-based precautions") and is released from follow-up.
Patient advised to contact their clinic with future concerns.

Patient with Mild to Moderate Illness

Patient must meet the below criteria for stopping home isolation.
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
AND
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
AND
- Symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) have improved

Patient has met CDC guidelines for stopping home isolation ("transmission-based precautions") and is released from follow-up.
Patient advised to contact their clinic with future concerns.

Stable (neither improving nor worsening) Comment:

Patient with Severe/Critical Illness and/or Severe Immunocompromise

Patient must meet the below criteria for stopping home isolation.
- At least 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
AND
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
AND
- Symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) have improved

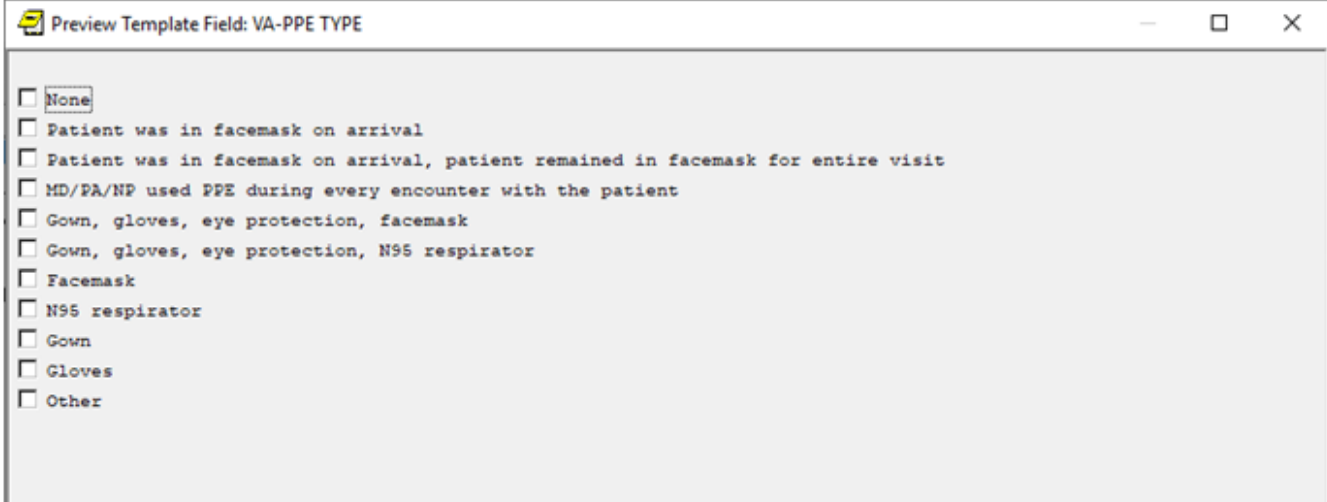
Patient has met CDC guidelines for stopping home isolation ("transmission-based precautions") and is released from follow-up.
Patient advised to contact their clinic with future concerns.

Patient with Mild to Moderate Illness

Patient must meet the below criteria for stopping home isolation.
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
AND
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
AND
- Symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) have improved

Patient has met CDC guidelines for stopping home isolation ("transmission-based precautions") and is released from follow-up.
Patient advised to contact their clinic with future concerns.

VA-PPE TYPE txml field used in Provider Follow-Up Template was updated:



Preview Template Field: VA-PPE TYPE

- None
- Patient was in facemask on arrival
- Patient was in facemask on arrival, patient remained in facemask for entire visit
- MD/PA/NP used PPE during every encounter with the patient
- Gown, gloves, eye protection, facemask
- Gown, gloves, eye protection, N95 respirator
- Facemask
- N95 respirator
- Gown
- Gloves
- Other

Alternate progress note text updated in COVID-19 Screening questions used in multiple templates:

Negative screen example:

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Screen
The patient reports no COVID-19 diagnosis.
The patient reports not waiting for the results of a COVID-19 lab test.
The patient reports no fever.
The patient reports no new or worsening cough or shortness of breath.
The patient reports no cold or flu-like symptoms.
The patient reports no new onset of diarrhea, nausea or vomiting.
The patient reports no new onset of headache, loss of taste or loss of smell.
The patient reports no exposure to someone with COVID-19 within the past 2 weeks.

UPDATE_2_0_159 contains 1 Reminder Exchange entry:

UPDATE_2_0_159 VA-COVID-19 TEMPLATE UPDATES

The exchange file contains the following components:

TIU TEMPLATE FIELD

VA-CDC DISPOSITION

VA-CDC DURATION ISOLATION

VA-WORD
VA-PPE TYPE

HEALTH FACTORS

VA-REMINDER UPDATES
VA-UPDATE_2_0_159
VA-COVID-19
VA-COVID-19 ASYMPTOMATIC RELEASE ISOLAT
VA-COVID-19 ASYMPTOMATIC
VA-COVID-19 PATIENT WORSENING
VA-COVID-19 STABLE RELEASE ISOLATION
VA-COVID-19 PATIENT STABLE
VA-COVID-19 IMPROVE RELEASE ISOLATION
VA-COVID-19 PATIENT IMPROVING
VA-COVID-19 UNABLE TO CARE FOR SELF HOME
VA-COVID-19 CAN CARE FOR SELF AT HOME
VA-TRAVEL SCREEN [C]
VA-COVID-19 PRIOR DIAGNOSIS
VA-EXPOSURE TO COVID NO
VA-EXPOSURE TO COVID YES
VA-NO HEADACHE LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
VA-SYMPTOM LOSS OF SMELL
VA-SYMPTOM LOSS OF TASTE
VA-SYMPTOM HEADACHE
VA-COVID-19 NOT WAITING FOR LABS
VA-COVID-19 WAITING FOR LABS
VA-NO NAUSEA VOMITING OR DIARRHEA
VA-SYMPTOM VOMITING
VA-SYMPTOM NAUSEA
VA-TRAVEL DIARRHEA YES
VA-COVID SCREEN NEGATIVE
VA-COVID SCREEN POSITIVE
VA-TRAVEL FLU NO
VA-TRAVEL FLU YES
VA-TRAVEL COUGH NO
VA-TRAVEL COUGH YES
VA-TRAVEL FEVER NO
VA-TRAVEL FEVER YES
VA-COVID-19 NO PRIOR DIAGNOSIS

REMINDER TERM

VA-REMINDER UPDATE_2_0_159

REMINDER DIALOG

VA-COVID-19 UPDATE AUG 2020

Install Details

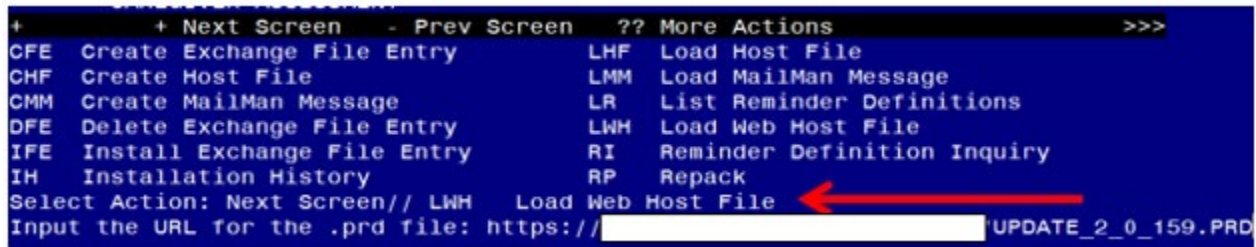
This update is being distributed as a web host file. The address for the host file is:

https://REDACTED/UPDATE_2_0_159.PRD

The file will be installed using Reminder Exchange, programmer access is not required. Installation should take less than 10 minutes.

Install Example

To Load the Web Host File. Navigate to Reminder exchange in Vista



```
+ Next Screen - Prev Screen ?? More Actions >>>
CFE Create Exchange File Entry LHF Load Host File
CHF Create Host File LMM Load MailMan Message
CMM Create MailMan Message LR List Reminder Definitions
DFE Delete Exchange File Entry LWH Load Web Host File
IFE Install Exchange File Entry RI Reminder Definition Inquiry
IH Installation History RP Repack
Select Action: Next Screen// LWH Load Web Host File
Input the URL for the .prd file: https://[REDACTED] UPDATE_2_0_159.PRD
```

At the **Select Action:** prompt, enter **LWH** for Load Web Host File

At the **Input the url for the .prd file:** prompt, type the following web address:

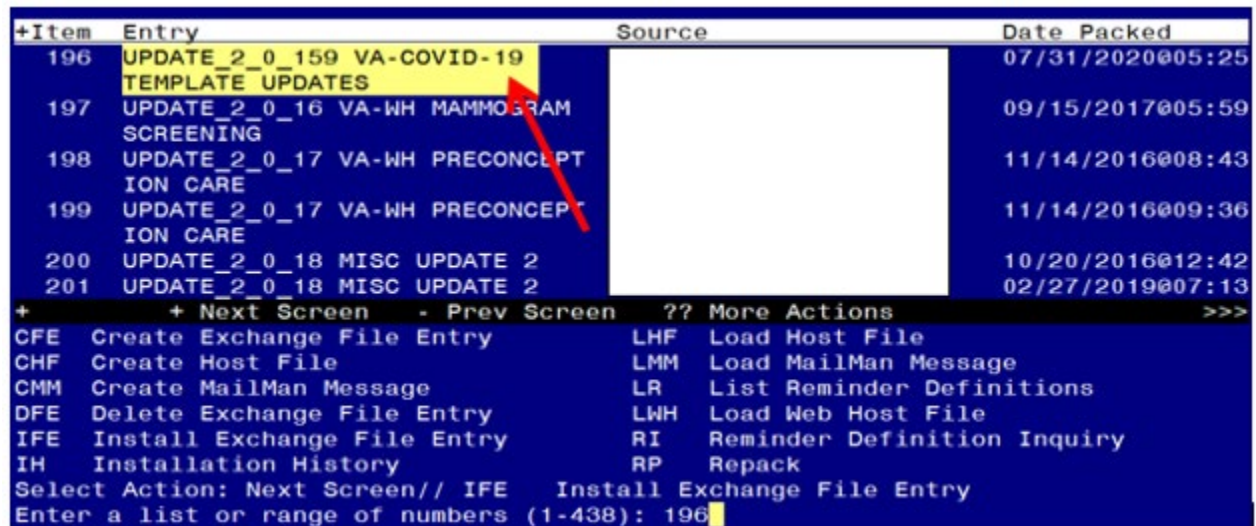
https://REDACTED/UPDATE_2_0_159.PRD

You should see a message at the top of your screen that the file loaded successfully



```
https://[REDACTED]/UPDATE_2_0_159.PRD successfully loaded.
```

Search and locate an entry titled **UPDATE_2_0_159 VA-COVID-19 TEMPLATE UPDATES** in reminder exchange.



+Item	Entry	Source	Date Packed
196	UPDATE_2_0_159 VA-COVID-19 TEMPLATE UPDATES		07/31/2020@05:25
197	UPDATE_2_0_16 VA-WH MAMMOGRAM SCREENING		09/15/2017@05:59
198	UPDATE_2_0_17 VA-WH PRECONCEPT ION CARE		11/14/2016@08:43
199	UPDATE_2_0_17 VA-WH PRECONCEPT ION CARE		11/14/2016@09:36
200	UPDATE_2_0_18 MISC UPDATE 2		10/20/2016@12:42
201	UPDATE_2_0_18 MISC UPDATE 2		02/27/2019@07:13

```
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DFE Delete Exchange File Entry LWH Load Web Host File
IFE Install Exchange File Entry RI Reminder Definition Inquiry
IH Installation History RP Repack
Select Action: Next Screen// IFE Install Exchange File Entry
Enter a list or range of numbers (1-438): 196
```

At the **Select Action** prompt, enter **IFE** for Install Exchange File Entry

Enter the number that corresponds with your entry **UPDATE_2_0_159 VA-COVID-19 TEMPLATE UPDATES** (in this example it is entry 196 it will vary by site). The date of the exchange file should be 07/31/2020.

```
Component Category Exists
Source:
Date Packed: 07/31/2020@05:25:15
Package Version: 2.0P46

Description:
The following Clinical Reminder items were selected for packing:
REMINDER DIALOG
  VA-COVID-19 UPDATE AUG 2020

REMINDER TERM
  VA-REMINDER UPDATE_2_0_159
Non-exchangeable TIU object(s):
-----
TIU Object: PATIENT NAME
Object Method: S X=$$NAME^TIULO(DFN)

+ Enter ?? for more actions >>>
IA  Install all Components          IS  Install Selected Component
Select Action: Next Screen// IA
```

At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** for Install all Components and hit enter.

Select Action: Next Screen// **IA Install all Components**

You will see several prompts, for all new entries you will choose **I to Install**

For this prompt, you will OVERWRITE:

TIU TEMPLATE FIELD entry named VA-PPE TYPE already exists but the packed component is different, what do you want to do?

Select one of the following:

- C Create a new entry by copying to a new name
- O Overwrite the current entry
- U Update
- Q Quit the install
- S Skip, do not install this entry

Enter response: **O//verwrite the current entry**

Are you sure you want to overwrite? N// **Y**

You will be prompted to install the reminder dialog component – You will choose to install all even though some components may have an X to indicate that they exist.

```
Packed reminder dialog: VA-COVID-19 UPDATE AUG 2020 [NATIONAL DIALOG]
```

Item	Seq.	Dialog Findings	Type	Exists
1		VA-COVID-19 UPDATE AUG 2020 Finding: *NONE*	group	
2	5	VA-COVID-19 SCI TESTED N Finding: *NONE*	group	X
3	10	VA-GP COVID PRIOR TESTING N Finding: VA-COVID-19 NO PRIOR DIAGNOSIS (HEALTH FACTOR)	group	X
4	10.3	VA-GP COVID SYMPTOM PRIOR TEST Finding: *NONE*	group	X
5	10.3.5	VA-COVID SYMPTOM PRIOR TEST Finding: VA-COVID-19 WAITING FOR LABS (HEALTH FACTOR)	element	X
6		PXRM COMMENT	prompt	X
7	10.3.10	VA-COVID SYMPTOM PRIOR TEST N Finding: VA-COVID-19 NOT WAITING FOR LABS (HEALTH FACTOR)	element	X

```
+      + Next Screen  - Prev Screen  ?? More Actions
DD  Dialog Details      DT  Dialog Text      IS  Install Selected
DF  Dialog Findings    DU  Dialog Usage    QU  Quit
DS  Dialog Summary     IA  Install All
Select Action: Next Screen// IA
```

At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** to install the dialog – **VA-COVID-19 UPDATE AUG 2020**

Select Action: Next Screen// **IA Install All**

Install reminder dialog and all components with no further changes: Y// **Yes**

```
Packed reminder dialog: VA-COVID-19 UPDATE AUG 2020 [NATIONAL DIALOG]
VA-COVID-19 UPDATE AUG 2020 (group) installed from exchange file.
```

Item	Seq.	Dialog Findings	Type	Exists
1		VA-COVID-19 UPDATE AUG 2020 Finding: *NONE*	group	X
2	5	VA-COVID-19 SCI TESTED N Finding: *NONE*	group	X
3	10	VA-GP COVID PRIOR TESTING N Finding: VA-COVID-19 NO PRIOR DIAGNOSIS (HEALTH FACTOR)	group	X
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5	10.3.5	VA-COVID SYMPTOM PRIOR TEST Finding: VA-COVID-19 WAITING FOR LABS (HEALTH FACTOR)	element	X
6		PXRM COMMENT	prompt	X
7	10.3.10	VA-COVID SYMPTOM PRIOR TEST N Finding: VA-COVID-19 NOT WAITING FOR LABS (HEALTH FACTOR)	element	X

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+      + Next Screen  - Prev Screen  ?? More Actions
DD  Dialog Details      DT  Dialog Text      IS  Install Selected
DF  Dialog Findings    DU  Dialog Usage    QU  Quit
DS  Dialog Summary     IA  Install All
Select Action: Next Screen// Q
```

After completing this dialog install, you will type Q.

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Component Category Exists
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Package Version: 2.0P46

Description:
The following Clinical Reminder items were selected for packing:
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-----
TIU Object: PATIENT NAME
Object Method: S X=$$NAME^TIULO(DFN)

+      + Next Screen  - Prev Screen  ?? More Actions  >>>
IA  Install all Components          IS  Install Selected Component
Select Action: Next Screen// Q
```

You will then be returned to this screen. At the Select Action prompt, type **Q**.

Install complete.

Post Installation

1. **Open the COVID-19 Telephone Follow Up Template and confirm the version is 4.1**
2. **Open the COVID-19 Discharge Template and confirm the version is 3.1**
3. **Open the COVID-19 Provider Screen Template and confirm the version is 3.1**
4. **Open the COVID-19 Return To Work Template and confirm the version is 3.1**
5. **Update xml field VA-PPE TYPE (Optional)**
The xml template field VA-PPE TYPE can be edited using the Edit Template Fields option in CPRS to add additional local items if needed.