

COVID among healthcare workers in September 2021

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Request: I am trying to figure out how many healthcare workers/employees (including all physicians, NP, nurses, healthcare administration, and any healthcare personal) tested positive in September 2021. I know that when a healthcare worker test positive for Covid it has to be reported to the state, and I was wondering if the state had the number or percentage (of total positive cases in Colorado) that were healthcare employees only.

Due: Week of Dec 6

For purpose of this inquiry OK to use whichever CEDRS field (or combination) that seem most complete. I know we have healthcare in occupation dropdown in CEDRS, and also targeted 'healthcare worker' question on extended record.

Draft response:

Thank you for your question about COVID among healthcare workers during September 2021.

Anyone with a positive test for COVID must be reported to public health, not only healthcare workers. We receive reports from a wide variety of labs and healthcare providers daily. We and/or the local public health agency attempt to interview all persons reported with COVID and ask about occupation at the time of interview. That information is reported into our disease database. However, there are many reasons why information about occupation might not be collected. These include not being able to reach a person and the person not disclosing their occupation to public health.

During September, xxxx cases were reported in Colorado. Of these, occupation data is available for Y, and of those Z % reported working in healthcare.