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# Information You Need

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## Coronavirus: What Every Medical Coder Needs to Know

On Dec. 31, 2019, as many of us here in the U.S. were celebrating New Year's Eve, a pandemic quietly began in the Chinese province of Hubei. First identified in Wuhan, the provincial capital, coronavirus (more accurately known as COVID-19 or 2019-nCoV) has spread rapidly in the two ensuing months, resulting in infections, and even deaths, around the globe. What do we need to know about the virus, either as individuals or as members of the coding community? And what steps can we take to help prevent a pandemic? [Here are the most current answers we have. »](#)



## AMA Releases CPT® Errata and Technical Corrections

CPT® 2020 Category I errata and technical corrections released by the American Medical Association (AMA), are effective Jan. 1, 2020. If you have a CPT® 2020 code book, get out your marker. You'll need to know these changes to ensure correct coding for procedures with dates of service on or after Jan. 1. [Learn More »](#)

## April 1 Updates to MPFS Are no Joke

April 1 is around the corner and you know what that means: quarterly updates. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released payer and provider guidance. Make sure all coding and billing staff are aware of the Medicare fee schedule changes. [Learn More »](#)

## Code Change for Influenza Season 2020-2021

The 2019-2020 influenza season is winding down, so now is a good time to start preparing for the 2020-2021 influenza season. Let's start with a new CPT® code for the flu vaccine. [Learn More »](#)

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