Summary of Changes to 2020 PUF

The following changes have been made to the 2020 PUF.

Diagnosis Years

An additional diagnosis year of data was added, and follow-up was updated. PUF data files now include patients diagnosed between 2004 and 2020.

Variable Changes

1. Percent No High School Degree Quartiles 2016-2020. This variable is a new variable to the PUF.
2. Median Income Quartiles 2016-2020. This variable is a new variable to the PUF.
3. NCDB--SARSCoV2—Pos. This variable is a new variable to the PUF.
4. Elapsed Days from DX to Date of First Positive COVID Test. This variable is a new variable to the PUF.
5. NCDB--SARSCoV2--Test. This variable is a new variable to the PUF.
6. Last Contact or Death, Months from Dx. This variable’s Analytic Note was updated: Beginning with the 2020 Call for Data, registries will submit annual follow-up for cases diagnosed within the past 15 years or as of first accredited date, whichever is shorter.
7. Vital Status, 30- and 90-Day Mortality, Last Contact or Death, Months from Dx all end at the 2019 diagnosis year.

Scripts

SPSS script will no longer be supplied, only SAS scripts for Windows environment are provided to PUF users. Additionally, in the SAS scripts all data types are defined as character, however, investigators can choose to edit the data type as they see fit.