General Notes	
The level of measure for NWSS DCIPHER COVID-19 case reporting	Each row in the submitted file should have a unique case ID.
Date range:	Include cases with report dates dating back to 30 days prior to the firs
Data types:	Fields are read in as strings; data type casting happens after file read i
Submission Requirements	
Required fields:	These fields must be included in the data file; if they are omitted, file ι even if all row values are [empty].
Non-required but non-empty fields:	Some fields are "not required" but also must have non-empty values, cause them to be flagged for quality control issues once uploaded.
Value Sets	
Missing values:	Missing values should be left blank, denoted as [empty] in the Value S
Requesting additional values for categorical fields:	For categorical fields, restrict values to those listed in the Value Sets. 7
Case sensitivity:	Fields are not case sensitive.
Data Type Definitions	
string	ASCII-encoded characters; do not use line breaks within a value
category	Categorical variable with a defined value set of strings
Terminology	
COVID-19 case definition	The case classifications for COVID-19 are described in an an updated i
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t wastewater sample collection date in the corresponding sewershed reported to CDC NWSS. n.

upload will be prohibited. For required fields that allow [empty] values, the field column header must be inclu conditional on the completion of another field. Omission of these fields will not interfere with upload of the

ets. Do not use other strings, such as "NA" or "[empty]", to denote missing values." Fo request that values be added to the vocabulary, please contact NWSS staff.

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iologists on August 5,

Field Name Data Type local_id string

res_state category

sewershedres string

cdc_ncov2019_id string

sewershedhosp string

Description Value Set
State or local unique case ID [string];
[empty]

State, DC, US territory, or Freely Associated State jurisdiction name (2-letter abbreviation) of the case's residence

[See Value Sets: vs res state]

Case residence sewershed name

CDC unique case ID. This is often created by concatenating 'res_state' and the 'local_id'. Please discuss with your jurisdiction's COVID epidemiologist to determine the ID submitted to CDC for case surveillance in the 'cdc ncov2019 id' field.

[string] [string]

Hospital sewershed name

[string]; [empty]

Units [none]	Submission Requirement Not required	Dependent Fields None
[none]	Required	None
[none] [none]	Required Required	None None
[none]	Not required	None

Field	Value Set Name	Value Set Name:
res_state	vs_res_state	

vs_res_state

Value Set	Description
AL	Alabama
AK	Alaska
AS	American Samoa
AZ	Arizona
AR	Arkansas
CA	California
CO	Colorado
MP	Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands
СТ	Connecticut
DE	Delaware
DC	District of Columbia
FM	Federated States of Micronesia
FL	Florida
GA	Georgia
GU	Guam
HI	Hawaii
ID	Idaho
IL	Illinois
IN	Indiana
IA	Iowa
KS	Kansas
KY	Kentucky
LA	Louisiana
ME	Maine
MD	Maryland
MA	Massachusetts
MI	Michigan
MN	Minnesota
MS	Mississippi
MO	Missouri
MT	Montana
NE	Nebraska
NV	Nevada
NH	New Hampshire
NJ	New Jersey
NM	New Mexico
NY	New York
NC	North Carolina
ND	North Dakota
OH	Ohio
OK	Oklahoma
OR	Oregon
PA	Pennsylvania
PR	Puerto Rico
МН	Republic of the Marshall Islands

PW Republic of Palau
RI Rhode Island
SC South Carolina
SD South Dakota
TN Tennessee
TX Texas

VI U.S. Virgin Islands

UT Utah

VT Vermont

VA Virginia

WA Washington

WV West Virginia

WI Wisconsin

WY Wyoming

Use of semantic versioning began with v1.0.0. A description follows; see https://semv Major changes (indicated by X in version X.Y.Z): not backwards compatible. In the con Minor changes (indicated by Y in version X.Y.Z): backwards compatible functionality at Patches (indicated by Z in version X.Y.Z): backwards compatible bug fixes. In the conte

Date of change	New file name
20210323	Data specification given in "Case and Sewershed Matching Overv
20210823	NWSS COVID Case Data Dictionary v1 0 0 20210820.xslx

er.org/ for further details.

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ould cause submission (see note on Submission Requirements) of a c / be additions of non-required fields, name changes to non-required of field descriptions, additions to value sets, or reorganization of the

Major changes

NA

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lata file, if unaltered, to fail upload. These may include addition of $r\epsilon$ fields, or changes to value sets, which will not prohibit upload but v: metadata.

Minor changes

NA

NA

equired fields or name changes to required fields. vill be flagged in on-platform QC checks.

Patches

NA

Made submission requirements, data types, and case definition explicit; the schema specified in this data dictionary version is back-compatible with previous CDC NWSS case data submissions