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To: Center Medical Directors and Data Managers

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Subject: **COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) Pandemic Impact on Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation (HCT)**

Supplemental Data Collection Request

In an effort to determine the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on autologous and allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation practice, including outcomes, CIBMTR is requesting supplemental data for each qualifying transplant registered. This includes all allogeneic HCTs and research consented autologous HCTs. These data are essential to understanding how changes to the original transplant plan affect recipient outcomes. Impacts include changes to the original HCT date, donor, product type, preparative regimen, GVHD prophylaxis, and the need to cryopreserve the product. These data are expected to be used in future studies and reports, including the annual Center-Specific Survival Analysis (CSA) for HCT. The supplemental data will be collected prospectively, as long as the pandemic impacts how HCTs are performed. We are committed to ending the supplemental data collection at that time.

Next Steps

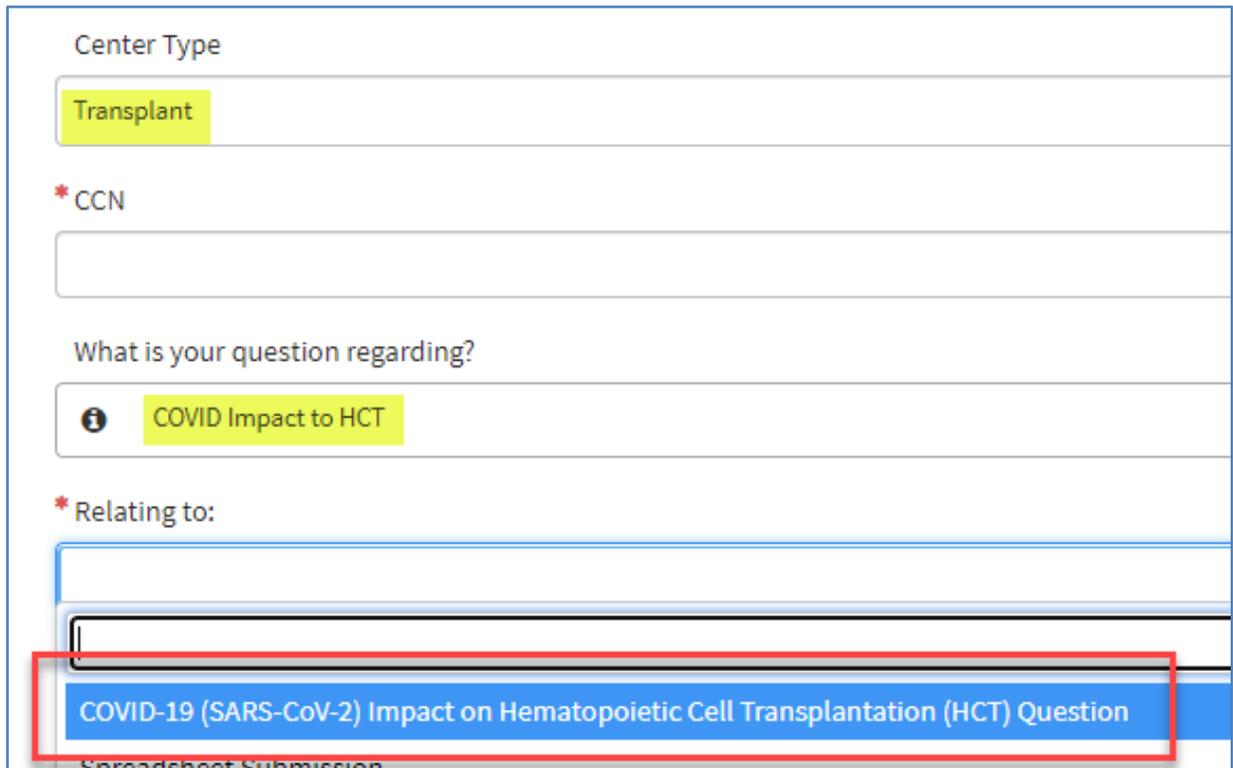
Effective **August 25, 2020**, every Tuesday, COVID Impact Reports will be uploaded to the CIBMTR Portal for centers that have HCT qualifying events reported since March 1, 2020. Primary data managers will be notified via email if their center has a report available in the CIBMTR Portal.

Centers should log into the [CIBMTR Portal](#), download the COVID Impact Report, enter the supplemental data for each CRID, and return the completed file to [CIBMTR Center Support](#). Detailed directions can be found [HERE](#). Please make every effort to provide the data within six weeks of the infusion being listed when possible. Burden testing with pilot centers shows the median time to complete the information per recipient estimated at six minutes. As the center becomes more proficient with the data reporting requirements, the amount of time needed to complete the information will decrease.

Once the completed file has been received, CIBMTR Center Support staff will review the data for accuracy and completeness. If discrepancies are identified, CIBMTR Center Support staff will contact the center via the Center Support ticket process, to resolve all issues. For each CRID, if no issues have been identified or once all discrepancies are resolved, the CRID will be removed from the COVID Impact Report and the ticket will be closed.

Questions?

Refer to the [FAQ](#) to help answer your questions in accessing, downloading, and completing the file. If you have any additional questions, please reach out via [CIBMTR Center Support](#) by selecting the fields highlighted in the below figure.



The image shows a screenshot of a web form with several fields. The 'Center Type' dropdown menu is highlighted in yellow and shows 'Transplant' selected. The 'CCN' field is marked with an asterisk and is empty. The 'What is your question regarding?' dropdown menu is highlighted in yellow and shows 'COVID Impact to HCT' selected. The '* Relating to:' dropdown menu is highlighted in blue and shows 'COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) Impact on Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation (HCT) Question' selected. A red box highlights the bottom portion of the 'Relating to:' dropdown menu, including the selected option and the text 'Spreadsheet Submission' below it.