

August 20, 2026

Dear Texas Cancer Reporters,

The Texas Cancer Registry (TCR) has finalized the 2026 cancer reporting requirements and necessary resources. This letter outlines important information about changes to reporting requirements that go in effect in 2026.

Timely Reporting Calendar

The 2026 Timely Reporting Calendar is available on our [Hospital Reporting webpage](#).

Modified (M) Record Update

TCR is accepting modified (M) records as of 2022 admission year and recommends they be submitted quarterly.

Data Item Updates

TCR continues to require AJCC TNM data items for analytical cases from facilities accredited by the American College of Surgeons (ACoS). For facilities that are not ACoS accredited, AJCC TNM data items are not required, and the fields are no longer on our Web Plus v26 display.

The TCR collects all data items required by the National Program of Central Registries (NPCR) and the Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) programs. Below are the newly required data items for 2026.

Data Items Required for v26 or later, not previously required (for cases diagnosed 1/1/2026 and forward)	
NAACCR Item #	Item Name
225	Sex Assigned at Birth
1176	Spread Through Air Spaces (STAS)
1178	Residual Cancer Burden (RCB)
1179	Residual Cancer Burden Class



Data Items no longer required for v26 (for cases diagnosed 1/1/2026 and forward)	
NAACCR Item #	Item Name
3821	Chromosome 3 Status
3822	Chromosome 8q Status
3834	Extravascular Matrix Patterns
3859	HIV Status
3881	LN Laterality
3891	Microvascular Density
3894	Multigene Signature Method
3895	Multigene Signature Results
3903	Oncotype DCIS Recurrence Score
3905	Oncotype DX Risk Level DCIS
3906	Oncotype DX Risk Level Invasive
3908	Percent Necrosis Post Neoadjuvant

2026 TCR Guidebook

The [2026 Cancer Reporting Guide](#) is a supplemental instructional guide to the [2026 SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual](#). The Guide contains important updates for cases diagnosed January 1, 2026, and forward; coding and reporting requirements to TCR as mandated by NPCR and SEER; and other vital information.

Version 26A Edits Metafile and Web Plus

Our Version 26A edits metafile has been posted on the NAACCR Edits Clearinghouse webpage. This allows software vendors to be notified when a new central registry metafile is posted. Our revised V26A metafile was posted on our [Commercial Software Submissions](#) webpage on August 4, 2026.

TCR implemented the NAACCR v26 upgrade of Web Plus on July 23, 2026. The following are changes to data items in our v26 Web Plus display.

Data Items in Web Plus v26 required for 2027 cases and forward	
NAACCR Item #	Item Name
1136	Pediatric Primary Tumor
1137	Pediatric Regional Nodes
1138	Pediatric Mets



Additional changes in v26 Web Plus

Data Items removed from Web Plus v26 and still required by CoC Accredited Facilities for analytical cases	
NAACCR Item #	Item Name
1001	AJCC TNM Clin T
1002	AJCC TNM Clin N
1003	AJCC TNM Clin M
1004	AJCC TNM Clin Stage Group
1011	AJCC TNM Path T
1012	AJCC TNM Path N
1013	AJCC TNM Path M
1014	AJCC TNM Path Stage Group
1021	AJCC TNM Post Therapy Path (yp) T
1022	AJCC TNM Post Therapy Path (yp) N
1023	AJCC TNM Post Therapy Path (yp) M
1031	AJCC TNM Clin T Suffix
1032	AJCC TNM Path T Suffix
1033	AJCC TNM Post Therapy Path (yp) T Suffix
1034	AJCC TNM Clin N Suffix
1035	AJCC TNM Path N Suffix
1036	AJCC TNM Post Therapy Path (yp) N Suffix
1062	AJCC TNM Post Therapy Clin (yc) T
1063	AJCC TNM Post Therapy Clin (yc) T Suffix
1064	AJCC TNM Post Therapy Clin (yc) N
1065	AJCC TNM Post Therapy Clin (yc) N Suffix
1066	AJCC TNM Post Therapy Clin (yc) M

Training Opportunities

TCR is excited to sponsor an additional training opportunity for our Texas cancer reporters. This virtual training was presented by Denise Harrison, LLC, on Monday, August 24, 2026, and Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

This training will be posted on [FLccSC](#) within two weeks of the live presentation and the CE's offered, available through December 31, 2026.

Please visit the TCR [Education and Training](#) webpage for additional training opportunities.



Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding training opportunities, contact the TCR Training Team at TCR.Training@dshs.texas.gov.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, contact TCRRegistryOperations@dshs.texas.gov.

Thank you for your continued efforts towards cancer reporting in Texas, and working to reduce the cancer burden both in Texas and the U.S.

Sincerely,

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