

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

WHEN TO TEST



Usual symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, body ache, loss of smell & taste, chills, and breathlessness. New symptoms are pink eyes, loose motions, and hearing impairment.



In case you were in close contact of 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more with a confirmed COVID-19 patient

WHEN NOT TO TEST



If two weeks have passed after taking both doses of vaccine and there are no symptoms, no need to test after coming in close contact with a COVID-19 patient

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

Click here for detailed interpretation of the result of COVID-19

Click here for Clinical Guidance for management of COVID-19 patients from AIIMS







WHICH TESTS SHOULD BE DONE?

RT-PCR is gold standard

Requirements for RT-PCR test

At the time of the sample collection, as mandated by the Government of India, providing the copy of Aadhaar card of the patient, is a mandatory requirement

The COVID test report is shared online over e-mail or on provider app, min. 1 day. Looking at the current scenario, this might take 3-4 days

Alternatively, on advise of the treating doctor you can also get CT chest to detect the virus.

Interpretation of RT-PCR report

According to the ICMR, the current positivity criteria is based on the cycle threshold (CT) which is a measure of how soon after the RT-PCR test, COVID-19 is detected in a sample. As per ICMR guidelines, a patient with CT value of =<35 may be considered as positive and all others may be considered as negative.

CT refers to the number of cycles needed to amplify the viral RNA to a detectable level.

Click here for RT-PCR Lab list

Click here for Home Sample collection providers



STAGES OF COVID-19

	MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE
SPO2*	>94	90-94	<90
RR**	<24	24-30	>30
CONDITION	Mild fever, fatigue, myalgia, cough, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, or diarrhoea	Moderate but frequent fever, cough, chest CT with lesions	Critical, acute respiratory distress syndrome, shock, hearing failure, coagulation dysfunction, and acute kidney injury
MUST DO'S	Physical distancing, indoor mask use, strict hand hygiene. Symptomatic management (hydration, anti-pyretics, anti-tussive, multivitamins) Stay in contact with the treating doctor Monitor temperature and oxygen saturation (by applying a SpO2 probe to fingers)	Seek immediate doctor consult	Seek immediate doctor consult
POSSIBLE LINE OF TREATMENT	Home quarantine or isolation ward	Isolation ward/ hospitalisation/ICU	ICU
	STAGE WISE II	MPORTANT LINKS FOR Y	OUR SUPPORT
	Home care Alternate COVID care center Medicine support COVID-19 helpline numbers	Ambulance Hospital list Bed availability Medicine support COVID-19 Helpline numbers	Ambulance Hospital list Bed availability Plasma donation Medicine support COVID-19 helpline numbers

*SPO2: Oxygen saturation | **RR: Respiratory rate

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