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It has been observed that there is confusion in the daily reporting of Severe Acute Respiratory Illness/Infection (**SARI**) and Influenza Like Illness (**ILI**), with regard to COVID-19 testing. This is to clarify that as per ICMR 'Strategy for COVID-19 testing in India (Version 4, dated 09/04/2020)':

Severe Acute Respiratory Illness will be tested
(fever+cough+shortness of breath) OR (fever+shortness of breath)

Influenza Like Illness (fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose) will be tested only in hotspots/clusters and in large migration gatherings/evacuees centres.

ICMR Strategy for COVID-19 testing in India (Version 4, dated 09/04/2020) is enclosed for reference.


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Strategy for COVID19 testing in India (Version 4, dated 09/04/2020)

1. All symptomatic individuals who have undertaken international travel in the last 14 days
2. All symptomatic contacts of laboratory confirmed cases
3. All symptomatic health care workers
4. All patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (fever AND cough and/or shortness of breath)
5. Asymptomatic direct and high-risk contacts of a confirmed case should be tested once between day 5 and day 14 of coming in his/her contact

In hotspots/cluster (as per MoHFW) and in large migration gatherings/evacuees centres

6. All symptomatic ILI (fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose)
 - a. Within 7 days of illness - rRT-PCR
 - b. After 7 days of illness - Antibody test (If negative, confirmed by rRT-PCR)

