## Testing strategy for COVID-19 testing in India (09.03.2020)

1. There is currently no ongoing community transmission for COVID-19.
2. Disease is primarily being reported from those with travel history to the affected countries or in close contacts of laboratory confirmed cases.
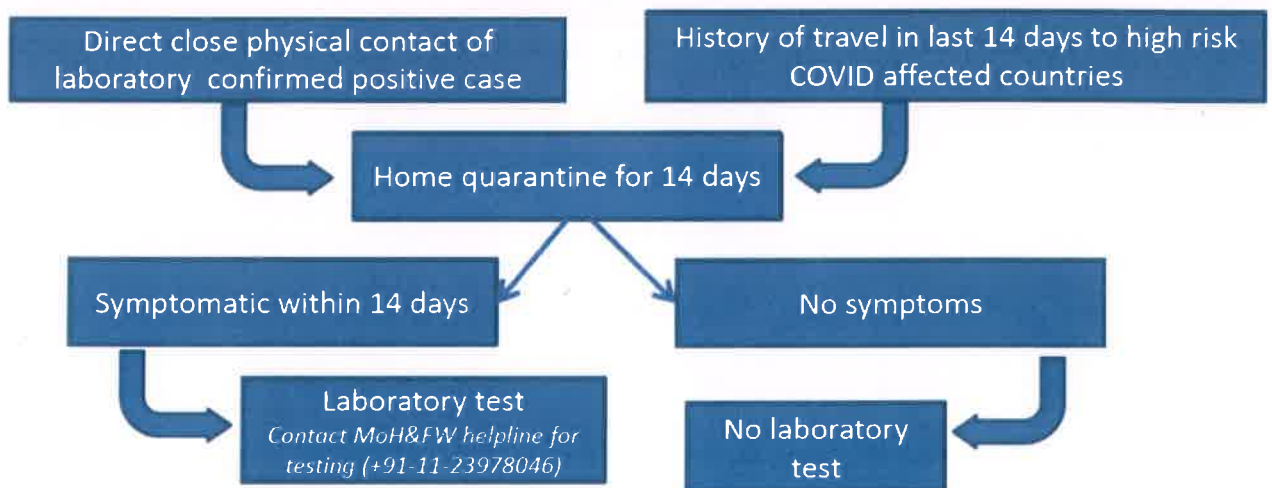3. Therefore, all individuals need not ne tested.

**Whom to test:**

1. Close contacts of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases, who develop respiratory symptoms within 14 days of home quarantine.
2. Those with history of travel to COVID-19 affected countries within the last 14 days, and who develop respiratory symptoms within 14 days of home quarantine.

**What samples to collect:** oropharyngeal and/or nasopharyngeal swabs.

# COVID19 Testing Strategy in India: 09/03/2020

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•Disease is primarily reported in individuals with travel history to the affected countries or close contacts of positive cases.
•Therefore all individuals **need not be** tested

**WHOM TO TEST:**



Throat swab + nasal swabs taken in Viral Transport Medium in one tube in cold chain.
List of testing facilities: www.icmr.nic.in/content/covid-19

*This is an evolving strategy