

## **Testing strategy of COVID-19 Govt. of West Bengal (dated 11.01.2022)**

### **Who may be tested:**

- A. In community settings:
  - 1. Symptomatic individuals
  - 2. Contact of laboratory confirmed cases
    - a) Symptomatic
    - b) Asymptomatic if >60 years of age and individuals with co-morbidity like diabetes, chronic lung disease, chronic kidney disease (with or without dialysis), malignancy, obesity
  - 3. Symptomatic pregnant women and asymptomatic pregnant women with history of contact in or near labour
  - 4. Individuals undertaking international travel (as per country specific requirements)
  - 5. International travelers arriving at airports/seaports/ ports of entries
  
- B. In Hospital settings:

Testing may be undertaken as per discretion of the treating doctor with the following considerations:

  - 1. No emergency procedure (including surgeries and deliveries) should be delayed for lack of a test.
  - 2. Patients once tested positive for COVID-19 should not be retested.
  - 3. Elective procedures can be considered after 2 weeks of COVID-19 positivity in patients without co-morbid conditions. Concerned doctors will decide regarding elective procedures in patients with co-morbidity.
  - 4. Admitted patients should only be tested if found symptomatic for COVID-19.

### **People who need not to be tested:**

- 1. Asymptomatic individuals in community settings.
- 2. Contacts of confirmed cases unless identified as high risk [age>60 years, and individuals with co-morbidity like diabetes, chronic lung disease, chronic kidney disease (with or without dialysis), malignancy, obesity]
- 3. Patients who stand discharged as per home isolation guideline.
- 4. Patients being discharged from a COVID-19 facility as per revised discharged policy.