Following strategy for COVID-19 testing is to be followed in Delhi.

**Strategy for COVID-19 TESTING**

1. All symptomatic (ILI symptoms) individuals with history of international travel in the last 14 days.
2. All symptomatic (ILI symptoms) contacts of laboratory confirmed cases.
3. All symptomatic (ILI symptoms) healthcare workers/frontline workers involved in containment and mitigation of COVID 19.
4. All patients of Severe Acute Respiratory infection (SARI).
5. Direct and high-risk contacts (diabetic, hypertension, cancer patient and senior citizen) of a confirmed case to be tested once between day 5 and day 10 of coming into contact with a confirmed case.
6. All symptomatic ILI within hotspots/containment zones.
7. All hospitalized patients who develop ILI symptoms.
8. All symptomatic ILI among returnees and migrants within 7 days of illness.
9. No emergency procedure (including deliveries) should be delayed for lack of test. However, samples can be sent for testing if indicated as above (1-8), simultaneously.

   - ILI case is defined as one with acute respiratory infection with fever >38°C AND cough.
   - SARI case is defined as one with acute respiratory infection with fever >38°C AND cough AND require hospitalization.
   - All testing in the above categories is recommended by real time RT-PCR test only.

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