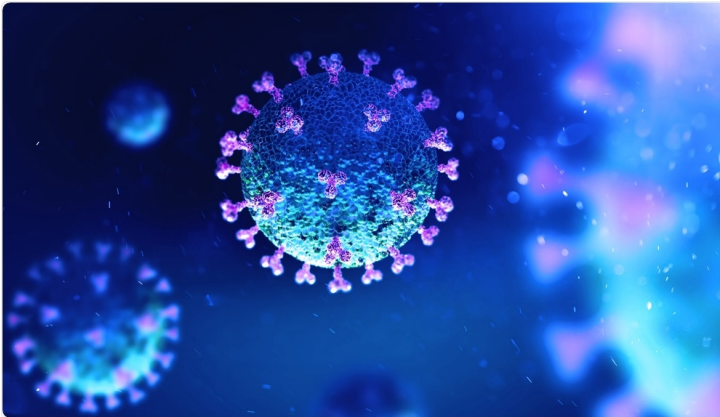


## ICMR invites EoI for validating rapid Ag tests

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Since the entire public health machinery is focused to test, track and treat COVID-19 patients, it is imperative to explore the existing antigen-based assays as point-of-care tests for early detection of SARS-CoV-2.

The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) is inviting applications or Expression of Interest (EoI) for validation of rapid antigen (Ag) detection tests for COVID-19 from all manufacturers who have developed such test.

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ICMR has identified the following sites for validation of the rapid point-of-care antigen detection tests for COVID-19:

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi

SMS Medical College, Jaipur

King George Medical University, Lucknow

Kasturba Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Mumbai

Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh

Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research, Puducherry

National Institute of Virology, Kerala Unit, Alappuzha