

Addendum to ICMR guidelines for COVID-19 testing in private laboratories in India

1. ICMR-NIV, Pune has validated and recommended some Real-Time PCR kits manufactured by Indian manufacturers. Once these kits receive approval from Drug Controller General of India, labs undertaking COVID-19 testing may use such kits in addition to kits recommended in the guidelines published on 21st March.
2. None of the labs should amplify the virus by culture or sequence the virus from any positive sample. All positive samples should be sent to NIV, Pune as published earlier.