Flow chart for COVID-19 testing

Person requires COVID-19 Test (as per Government of Karnataka protocol)

Rapid Antigen Test Kit Available

Available

Rapid Antigen Test done

Positive

To be reported as ‘Positive’ (RT-PCR test not required)

Negative

Asymptomatic

To be reported as ‘Negative’ (RT-PCR test not required)

Symptomatic

Collect fresh nasopharyngeal swab and throat swab in VTM tube

Result urgently needed*

True-NAT or CBNAAT available

Positive

To be reported as ‘Positive’

Negative

To be reported as ‘Negative’

Result not urgent

True-NAT or CBNAAT NOT available

RT-PCR

Positive

To be reported as ‘Positive’

Negative

To be reported as ‘Negative’

*Death, SARI, HCW after high risk exposure