

Indus Health Plus collaborates with SRL Diagnostics for COVID-19 testing

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Indus Health Plus has announced its collaboration with SRL Diagnostic to extend its services to conduct COVID-19 detection tests. The collaboration aims to focus on preventing and controlling the disease transmission through an extensive testing of COVID-19.

Considering the sudden rise in the cases of COVID-19 across different parts of the country, Indus Health Plus extends this facility to Gurugram, Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, and Goa by collaborating with SRL Diagnostics. The company has also collaborated with Suburban Diagnostics in its initial phase to conduct the tests in Mumbai and Pune. The scheduling of appointments and payments can both be done on Indus Health Plus website or over a call. The sample collection will be facilitated by SRL Diagnostics either via home collection or directly at the centre. Also, in Mumbai and Pune, both SRL Diagnostics and Suburban Diagnostics will be active for the facility. As per the guidelines by the government, a legitimate prescription from a physician, and a photo ID card with address proof is mandatory and must be presented at the time of testing. Apart from this, the company also integrated a screening tool (chatbot) in their website that will help people with preliminary self-assessment or screening based on their symptoms.

Amol Naikawadi, Joint Managing Director, Indus Health Plus, commented on this development saying: "We understand the significance of prevention and early detection and hence an extensive testing strategy is the best possible way to control the transmission of COVID-19. At this point of time, it is imperative to reach out to people who are experiencing any sort of symptoms to be able to provide them with proper guidance and right information. Our organisation is committed to prevention and therefore, we collaborated with SRL Diagnostics and Suburban Diagnostics to provide greater accessibility to these tests in different parts of the country. We will continue to provide support and identify opportunities where Indus Health Plus can be a part to control this dreadful situation in our country."

The citizens can do a self-assessment test on the given link – <https://www.indushealthplus.com/corona-self-screening.html>. The virtual tool will help in reducing the panic or anxiety. The virtual assistant has pre-packaged and conversationally formatted question-and-answer screening content as per the guidelines for a preliminary test to analyse the symptoms and provide guidance for the steps ahead accordingly.

The private laboratories as per the government's mandate can conduct real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) based test. Also, only a certified phlebotomist will collect the test samples directly from the patient's home. The personnel will take necessary precautionary measures as per ICMR guidelines while taking the throat and nasal swabs for the test. The collected sample will be sent to these laboratories for COVID-19 detection testing. The report will be made available to the patients within 24-48 hours of the sample collection.