

## Thyrocare receives ICMR approval for COVID-19 test

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Focusing on preventive health care, Thyrocare becomes the first Indian diagnostic private laboratory to provide COVID testing in Mumbai.

In the initial phase, it has started the test in Mumbai. Once Lock Down is lifted, they will make their services available for metros and other cities too.

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Dr. A. Velumani, Chairman and Managing Director of Thyrocare Technologies Ltd said, "Thyrocare wishes to keep it affordable, reach to the bottom of the pyramid and produce significant impact in the nation's fight against COVID. Partnering with local hospitals is the best way to disseminate this solution countrywide"

## Some of the key points to notice:

- 1. COVID testing as now available only in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Thane.
- 2. From 1 April 2020 it would be in Pune and Nashik.
- 3. Once Lock Down is lifted it would be available in all air connected cities
- 4. Sample is Throat or Nasal Swab and not Blood.
- 5. It is priced as of now at Rs.4500 and it would go down after Lockdown
- 6. Swab collection needs training and care and personnel are trained for home service
- 7. It takes 6 hours to report once the sample reaches the laboratory.