

SYMPTOMS

DIAGNOSIS

VULNERABLE GROUPS

CASE DEFINITION

WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS?

- TEMPERATURE
- COUGH
- BREATHING DIFFICULTY
- SORE THROAT
- MUSCLE PAIN
- GENERAL TIREDNESS

In molti pazienti è stata riscontrata la perdita di gusto e olfatto come sintomo iniziale.

HOW IS THE DIAGNOSIS MADE?

- ➔ Self-diagnosis is not possible
- ➔ Presence of the disease must be confirmed by nasopharyngeal swab
- ➔ The swab has to be analysed in laboratories certified by the Istituto Superiore della Sanità
- ➔ Only a physician can prescribe the swab test, after assessing clinical symptoms and the patient's medical history



IS THERE A CURE?

- As yet no drug has been approved for treatment or prevention of Covid-19.
- Important: avoid “do-it-yourself” medication and taking drugs without a doctor's prescription.
- For patients with mild symptoms, physicians may prescribe ordinary anti-flu drugs.

WHO IS MOST AT RISK?

THE ELDERLY

THOSE WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

So it is essential to shelter older people and those with chronic diseases from the risk of infection, preventing contact with people who may potentially be infected.

WHO IS POTENTIALLY INFECTED?

- People with Covid-19 symptoms
- People who have been in close contact with someone who has the disease and may be contagious, transmitting the virus even while showing no symptoms

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY “CLOSE CONTACT”?

- Living in the same house with someone who is positive for the virus
- Direct physical contact (embracing, shaking hands) with someone who is positive
- Touching objects that are potentially infected (dirty handkerchiefs, clothing, etc.)
- Being in an indoor environment for at least 15 minutes at a distance of less than 2 meters from someone who is positive

If you think you have Covid-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has the disease, **you must immediately notify your family doctor** or else call your Region's toll-free number for coronavirus.

