

Signs and symptoms to determine if a patient presenting in primary care or hospital outpatient settings has COVID-19 disease.

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This systematic review of 16 studies (7,706 patients) assessed the [diagnostic accuracy](#) of signs and symptoms to determine if a patient presenting to a primary care or hospital setting has COVID-19. The authors identified data on 27 different signs and symptoms, but the individual signs and symptoms appear to have very poor diagnostic accuracy. The authors conclude that based on currently available data, neither the absence nor presence of signs or symptoms are accurate enough to rule a COVID-19 diagnosis in or out.