

The IFCC presents its COVID-19 Information Guide

The IFCC is pleased to publish an online resource providing key information on laboratory guidelines, biosafety, and other important resources to assist member societies around the world and their clinical laboratories as they face the challenges posed by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Milan (IT), 16 December 2020 - The International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) is pleased to present its [COVID-19 Information Guide](#). The IFCC Information Guide on COVID-19, initially published on 23 March 2020, is continuously updated. The current version is dated: Monday 7 December. A Summary of the Guide in Spanish and Czech is also available.

Coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated to COVID-19, is an emerging global pandemic caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). As the number of individuals infected with COVID-19 continues to rise globally and healthcare systems become increasingly stressed, it is clear **that the clinical laboratory plays an essential role in this crisis, contributing to patient screening, diagnosis, monitoring/treatment, as well as epidemiologic recovery and surveillance**. The IFCC COVID-19 Information Guide aims to organize relevant available information on laboratory screening, testing protocols, diagnosis, and other general information on COVID-19 for laboratory professionals, including links to helpful resources and interim guidelines. It is continually updated as new guidelines and literature become available.

The Guide sections are:

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