

Guidelines International Network Standards for Clinical Practice Guidelines

Title of the Guideline	Outpatient Treatment of Confirmed COVID-19 in Symptomatic Adults: Living, Rapid Practice Points From the American College of Physicians (Version 3)
Name of the Developing Organisation	American College of Physicians
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<u>Evidence Reviews</u> Guideline uses systematic evidence review methods to identify and evaluate evidence related to the guideline topic.	X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	See <i>Introduction</i> See Methods papers (citation under Additional Comments) See supporting rapid review (citation under Additional Comments)
<u>Guideline Recommendations</u> Guideline recommendation clearly stated and based on scientific evidence of benefits; harms; and, if possible, costs.	X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	See section, <i>Practice Points (Version 3)</i> for rationale following each practice point statement
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Guideline uses a rating system to communicate the quality and reliability of the evidence.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	See supporting rapid evidence review (citation under Additional Comments) See Methods paper (citation under Additional Comments)
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<u>Peer Review and Stakeholder Consultations</u> Review by external stakeholders conducted before guideline publication.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	See <i>Practice Points Development Process</i> section See Methods paper (citation under Additional Comments)
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Additional Comments

Practice Points

Qaseem A, Obley AJ, Yost J, et al. [Outpatient Treatment of Confirmed COVID-19 in Symptomatic Adults: Living, Rapid Practice Points From the American College of Physicians \(Version 3\)](#). Ann Intern Med. 10 February 2026. [Epub ahead of print]. doi: 10.7326/ANNALS-25-03766

Supporting rapid evidence review

Sommer I, Dobrescu A, Gadinger A, et al. [Outpatient Treatment of Confirmed COVID-19: A Living, Rapid Review for the American College of Physicians \(Version 3\)](#). Ann Intern Med. 10 February 2026. [Epub ahead of print]. doi: 10.7326/ANNALS-25-03691

Methods papers

Qaseem A, Yost J, Forciea M, et al. [The Development of Living, Rapid Practice Points: Summary of Methods From the Scientific Medical Policy Committee of the American College of Physicians](#). Ann Intern Med. 2021; 174. [Epub ahead of print 25 March 2021]. doi:10.7326/M20-7641

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