

# Guidelines International Network

## Standards for Clinical Practice Guidelines

<b>Title of the Guideline</b>	Outpatient Treatment of Confirmed COVID-19 in Symptomatic Adults: Living, Rapid Practice Points From the American College of Physicians (Version 3)
<b>Name of the Developing Organisation</b>	American College of Physicians
<b>Publication Date</b>	February 10, 2026

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**NO**

Note: Rapid practice points are not clinical guidelines. Rapid practice points are designed to provide interim, time-sensitive answers, based on the best available evidence, to pressing questions related to individual and public health.

**If Yes, please complete the checklist on the next page.**

G-I-N Standards & Description <sup>1</sup>	Standard Achieved?	If Yes, Page number(s)/document where the information is available
<p><b>Composition of Guideline Development Group</b></p> <p>Guideline development panel includes diverse and relevant stakeholders, such as health professionals, methodologists, experts on a topic, and patients.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	<p>See <i>Practice Points Development Process</i> section</p> <p>See ACP Practice Points Methods paper (citation under Additional Comments)</p>
<p><b>Decision-making Process</b></p> <p>Guideline describes the process used to reach consensus among the panel members and, if applicable, approval by the sponsoring organisation. This process was established before the start of guideline development.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	<p>See ACP Practice Points Methods paper (citation under Additional Comments)</p>
<p><b>Conflicts of Interest (disclosure)</b></p> <p>Guideline includes disclosure of the financial and nonfinancial conflicts of interest for members of the guideline development group.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	<p>See <i>Disclosures</i> section</p> <p>See <i>Practice Points Development Process</i> section</p> <p>See ACP DOI and COI management paper (citation under Additional Comments)</p>
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<p><b>Scope of a Guideline</b></p> <p>Guideline specifies its objective(s) and scope.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	<p>See <i>Introduction</i> and <i>Summary of New Evidence</i> sections</p>
<p><b>Methods</b></p> <p>Guideline clearly describes the methods used for the guideline development in detail.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	<p>See <i>Introduction</i> and <i>Practice Points Development Process</i></p> <p>See <i>Rapid Practice Points Development Process</i> section</p> <p>See Methods papers (citation under Additional Comments)</p>
<p><b>Evidence Reviews</b></p> <p>Guideline uses systematic evidence review methods to identify and evaluate evidence related to the guideline topic.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	<p>See <i>Introduction</i></p> <p>See Methods papers (citation under Additional Comments)</p> <p>See supporting rapid review (citation under Additional Comments)</p>
<p><b>Guideline Recommendations</b></p> <p>Guideline recommendation clearly stated and based on scientific evidence of benefits; harms; and, if possible, costs.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	<p>See section, <i>Practice Points (Version 3)</i> for rationale following each practice point statement</p>
<p><b>Rating of Evidence</b></p>		<p>See Figure</p>

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)
<b>G-I-N Standards &amp; Description<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Standard Achieved?</b>	<b>If Yes, page number(s)/document where the information is available</b>
<b>Rating of Recommendations</b>  Guideline uses a rating system to communicate the quality and reliability of the strength of its recommendations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	See Figure  See supporting rapid evidence review (citation under Additional Comments)  See Methods paper (citation under Additional Comments)
<b>Peer Review and Stakeholder Consultations</b>  Review by external stakeholders conducted before guideline publication.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	<i>See Practice Points Development Process</i> section  See Methods paper (citation under Additional Comments)
<b>Guideline Expiration and Updating</b>  Guideline includes an expiry date and/or describes the process that the guideline group will use to update recommendations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	<i>See Note</i> section  See Methods paper citation under Additional Comments
<b>Financial Support and Sponsoring</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<i>See Financial Support</i> section

<b>Organisation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat	
Guideline discloses financial support for the development of both the evidence review as well as the guideline recommendations.		

### 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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