# Title:

COVID-19: A PCR-defined pandemic

# Orientation Statement:

This paper discusses when and how COVID-19 may be detected in individuals.

# Claim:

Observations so far suggest a mean incubation period of 5 days and median incubation period of 4–5 days from exposure to the onset of symptoms. Viral RNA is detectable in the airways 2–3 days before the onset of symptoms, peaks at the onset of symptoms, and decreases over the following 7–8 days in most patients.

# Changes:

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