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Guidance on expansion of SARS-CoV-2 testing platforms:

1. ICMR recommends the use of US-FDA approved closed real time RT PCR systems like GeneXpert and Roche COBAS-6800/8800. These systems are approved under emergency use.
2. In addition, TruenatTM beta CoV test on TruelabTM workstation validated by ICMR is recommended as a screening test. All positives through this platform will need to be reconfirmed by confirmatory assays for SARS-CoV-2. All negatives may not be processed further.
3. **Truenat beta CoV test should only be performed with all biosafety precautions in BSL-2 or BSL-3 setups at laboratories. Performing this test for SARS-CoV2 in mobile test units without proper biosafety level 2 checks is not recommended.**
4. This is in addition to the previously issued guidelines and subsequent addendums.