Severe pneumonia:

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      - Age <2 months: ≥60 breaths/min;
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Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

- Onset of new or worsening respiratory symptoms within one week of known clinical insult.
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- Oxygenation Status (adults):
  - Mild ARDS: 200 mmHg < PaO2/FiO2 ≤ 300 mmHg (with PEEP or CPAP ≥5 cm H2O, or non-ventilated)
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- Oxygenation (children; note OI = Oxygenation Index and OSI = Oxygenation Index using SpO2)
  i. Bilevel NIV or CPAP ≥ 5 cm H2O via full face mask: PaO2/FiO2 ≤ 300 mmHg or SpO2/FiO2 ≤ 264
  ii. Mild ARDS (invasively ventilated): 4 ≤ OI < 8 or 5 ≤ OSI < 7.5
  iii. Moderate ARDS (invasively ventilated): 8 ≤ OI < 16 or 7.5 ≤ OSI < 12.3
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- Sepsis

  - Adults- life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by a dysregulated host response to suspected or proven infection, with organ dysfunction.
    - Signs of organ dysfunction include:
      i. altered mental status,
      ii. difficult or fast breathing,
      iii. low oxygen saturation,
      iv. reduced urine output,
      v. fast heart rate, weak pulse, cold extremities or low blood pressure,
      vi. skin mottling, or laboratory evidence of coagulopathy, thrombocytopenia, acidosis, high lactate or hyperbilirubinemia.

  - Children- any hypotension (SBP < 5th centile or > 2 SD below normal for age) or 2-3 of the following:
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    ii. bradycardia or tachycardia (HR < 90 bpm or > 160 bpm in infants and HR < 70 bpm or > 150 bpm in children)
    iii. prolonged capillary refill (> 2 sec) or warm vasodilatation with bounding pulses; tachypnoea
    iv. mottled skin or petechial or purpuric rash;
    v. increased lactate
    vi. oliguria
    vii. hyperthermia or hypothermia

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Referral Mechanism for COVID-19 Patients based on Symptoms

**Covid Care Centres/Home Isolation:**
- COVID-19 suspect or
- COVID-19 positive patients with Uncomplicated Illness or
- COVID-19 positive patients with uncomplicated upper respiratory tract viral infection, may have non-specific symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, malaise, headache.

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  - fast breathing - in breaths/min can be defined as:
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