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C19check.com Launches to Mitigate Hospital Overcrowding from COVID-19

Created by Emory and Vitaler.com, will help patients better self-diagnose to prevent a surge on overburdened healthcare systems

WHAT: Today, people everywhere have a free, online way to check their risk of COVID-19 at [C19check.com](https://www.c19check.com). The [Emory Department of Emergency Medicine](#) and the [Emory Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response](#) advised the makers of [Vital software](#) on designing a tool, available immediately, so the general public can better self-triage before heading to a hospital.

WHEN: C19check.com is live now, and will be available for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

WHY: The goal is to help prevent unmet surge on healthcare systems. People worried they may have COVID-19 can check to see if they are low, medium or high-risk for Coronavirus - based on symptoms and pre-existing conditions. Diagnostic protocols were designed and tested by infectious disease experts from Emory, academia, and government, using the latest data and medical publications available about the pandemic.

Once categorized, C19check.com will advise people to stay home; contact a doctor or other health resource via phone; or to go to an emergency facility for treatment. Locations of testing facilities will be added shortly.

ABOUT: The site, built at Emory with [Dr. Alex Isakov](#), Executive Director of Emory CEPAR, and Co-Author of the SORT algorithm with Dr. Art Kellermann; and [Dr. David Wright](#), Chair of the Emory Emergency Department; is powered by [Vital](#), launched last year to help offset the already overloaded work of Emergency Departments. Founded by [Justin Schrage](#), MD, MPH, an Emergency Room doctor with Emory Healthcare and [Aaron Patzer](#), founder of Mint.com. With the rise of COVID-19, Justin and Aaron foresaw an overload of ERs worldwide, sought a tool to help patients better self-triage before burdening hospitals, and found none. They diverted all of Vital's resources into building [C19check.com](https://www.c19check.com), tapped world-renowned clinical experts to help, and hope that the tool will both help alleviate the mounting burden on the global healthcare system, and aid researchers in tracking the spread and evolution of the pandemic over time.

This product was built as a public service. It is free. It is available on any computer, and can be used by medical professionals or lay people. It collects no personal information. It makes the company no money. Users can opt to share a zip code to contribute to research tracking the geographic spread and eventual recovery from the pandemic. Screen shots, background research, driving algorithm and expert interviews available upon request.

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