Loss of Sense of Smell May Be Symptom of CoVID-19

NY Times reports that doctor groups are recommending testing and isolation for people who feel their ability to smell and taste is reduced, even if they have no other symptoms.

They report that an infected mother said she couldn't smell her baby's full diaper and cooks say they can't smell curry or garlic and that the food tastes bland.

> *Anosmia, the loss of sense of smell, and ageusia, an accompanying diminished sense of taste, have emerged as peculiar telltale signs of Covid-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, and possible markers of infection.*
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> *NY Times*

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The NY Times says that British ear, nose, and throat doctors called on people who lose their senses of smell to isolate themselves even if they have no other symptoms in order to slow the disease's spread.

> *We really want to raise awareness that this is a sign of infection and that anyone who develops loss of sense of smell should self-isolate. It could contribute to slowing transmission and save lives.*

Prof. Claire Hopkins, president of the British Rhinological Society