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Rahul Gandhi tests positive for COVID-19

Cong. leaders wish him quick recovery

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Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said he had tested positive for COVID-19.

"After experiencing mild symptoms, I've just tested positive for COVID. All those who've been in contact with me recently, please follow all safety protocols and stay safe," Mr. Gandhi said on Twitter.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among the first few leaders who wished him speedy recovery.

"I pray for the good health and quick recovery of Lok Sabha MP Shri Rahul Gandhiji," he tweeted.

On Sunday, the former Congress chief had announced that he would suspend his political rallies in the wake of the rapid spread of the virus and also appealed to other parties to do so.

Former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram said on Twitter, "Learned that Mr. Rahul Gandhi has tested positive and has isolated himself. Deeply concerned. I wish him a full and speedy recovery."

"Please take care. With someone with your level of



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physical fitness should be a breeze. @RahulGandhi," said Lok Sabha member Manish Tewari on Twitter.

Wishing the Congress leader fast recovery, party's chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said on Twitter, "In these challenging times, the nation needs your leadership more than ever."

Mr. Gandhi's results come a day after former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had tested positive and was shifted to the trauma centre of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). Senior leader Anand Sharma had also tested positive and was admitted to a private hospital in Gurugram. He said he was feeling better and his vital parameters were fine.