The prevalence of COVID-19 symptoms in the Somali community are likely to be much higher than previous estimates

The study gathered information on self-reported COVID-19 symptoms and found that 5% experienced two or more symptoms within 14 days of each other. The most common symptoms reported include “new or worsening cough” (38%) and “feeling feverish” (30%).

Survey data collected June-July 2020

The list of symptoms was informed by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) criteria and included: new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, nasal congestion, sore throat or difficulty swallowing, loss of smell, loss of taste, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, muscle aches, confirmed fever (37.5°C and above), and whether the respondent “felt feverish.”