



What is a Close Contact to a COVID-19 Case in Acute Care/Continuing Care?

Close contact can include a patient/resident who:

- Had prolonged (> 15 minutes cumulative), close (within 2 metres) contact with a positive case while they were symptomatic and up to 48 hours prior to the case's onset of symptoms (e.g., positive HCW/family member/support person provided care to them without a medical-grade mask)
- Shared a multi-bed room for any amount of time with a case while they were symptomatic and up to 48 hours prior to case's onset of symptoms
- Had direct contact with infectious body fluids of a case (e.g., was coughed or sneezed on or shared personal items such as eating utensils or drinking cups)
- Had direct contact with surfaces or equipment contaminated with respiratory secretions or blood and body fluids of a symptomatic positive case
- Was in a room while a positive case was receiving an AGMP, or entered the room before the required settle time was achieved, and who was not wearing a fit-tested N95 respirator and eye protection.

What is a Non-Close Contact to a COVID-19 Case in Acute Care/Continuing Care?

Non-Close contact can include a patient/resident who:

- Had care provided to them by a positive case (including health care workers, family members or other caregivers) or had other similar close (within 2 metres) physical contact with a case who wore a medical-grade mask consistently and appropriately
- Had prolonged (> 15 minutes cumulative) contact but was not within two metres of a positive case while they were symptomatic and up to 48 hours prior to the case's onset of symptoms
- Was in a room while a positive case was receiving an AGMP, or entered the room before the required settle time was achieved, and who was wearing a fit-tested N95 respirator and eye protection

Transient interactions, such as walking by someone with COVID-19 or being briefly in the same room, are not considered contact.

*Adapted from the SK Communicable Disease Control Manual – Section 2-20-COVID-19, Table 3. Contacts Definition, at: <https://www.ehealthsask.ca/services/Manuals/Documents/cdc-section2.pdf>