



Definition of Terms

What is a Close Contact?

Close contact can include someone who:

- provided care for a person with COVID-19 without consistent and appropriate use of recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE);* or
- lived with or had otherwise close prolonged contact (within two metres) with a probable or confirmed case while the case was symptomatic and not self-isolating; or
- had direct contact with infectious body fluids of a person with COVID-19 (e.g., was coughed or sneezed on) without the appropriate use of recommended personal protective equipment; or
- shared personal items such as eating utensils or drinking cups with a person who has COVID-19 while they were symptomatic; or
- was an airplane passenger seated within two metres of a symptomatic case.

What is a Non-Close Contact?

Non-close contact can include someone who:

- provided care for a person with COVID-19 with consistent and appropriate use of PPE; or
- who lived with or had prolonged contact but was not within two metres of a person with COVID-19 while the person was symptomatic and not self-isolating.

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

The above definitions apply to contact with a confirmed or probable case.

Confirmed Case

- A person with laboratory confirmation of infection.

Probable Case

- A person (who has had a laboratory test):
 - * with fever (over 38 degrees Celsius) or new onset of (or exacerbation of chronic) cough; AND
 - * meets the exposure criteria and for whom a laboratory diagnosis of COVID-19 is inconclusive.

OR

- A person (who has not had a laboratory test):
 - * with fever (over 38 degrees Celsius or new onset of (or exacerbation of chronic) cough who has had:
 - ⇒ close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19; or
 - ⇒ lived or worked in a closed facility known to be experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 (e.g., long-term care facility, prison).

*Refer to the Health Care Worker Risk Matrix for details on appropriate PPE by scenario; available in the Saskatchewan Communicable Disease Manual: Sask.ca –COVID 19 - Testing, Screening, Treatment, and Medical Directives