Contact tracing is a core public health response to COVID-19. Other measures include active case finding or physical distancing.

In order to trace a contact, we first need to define what a 'contact' is.

A **close contact** of a COVID-19 case is any person:

who had face-to-face contact with a COVID-19 case within two metres for more than 15 minutes

who was in a closed environment (household, classroom, meeting room, hospital waiting room, etc.) with a COVID-19 case for more than 15 minutes

who had physical contact with a COVID-19 case

who was in an airplane within two seats of a COVID-19 case or people who were in close contact with the case during the flight; if the case showed strong symptoms or moved around the airplane, all passengers may be 'close contacts'

who had unprotected direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (for example by being coughed on)

who was providing care to a COVID-19 case, or laboratory workers who were handling specimens from a COVID-19 case without proper personal protective equipment or with a possible breach of such equipment.

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