WHAT IS CONTACT TRACING?

Contact tracing is a fundamental part of outbreak control that is used by public health professionals around the world to prevent the spread of infections.

WORDS TO KNOW



Case Patient A person who has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.



Contact

Someone who has been within a 6-foot radius of **a case patient** for longer than 15 minutes.



Contact Tracing

The process of tracing and monitoring contacts of **case patients**.



Isolation for someone who is ill.

Quarantine for someone who has had close contact with some who is ill.

WHAT DOES CONTACT TRACING LOOK LIKE?

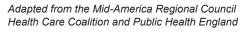


Gather Information

- Interview positive case patient.
- Gather information about close contacts.
- Case patient is placed on isolation.



 Contacts are placed on 14-day quarantine.





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Follow-up

- Follow up with contacts about symptoms.
- Symptomatic: Refer person to primary care for testing and start contact tracing.
- Non-symptomatic: Person may come off quarantine.



New Case

• Symptomatic contact: a person who tests positive becomes a new case patient and the process begins again.

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