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 someone 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.

**Quarantine**
- Interview close contacts.
- Contacts are placed on 14-day quarantine.

**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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