

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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