

COVID-19 Case Investigation



Confirmed Positive Case - notified by health care provider

- County Health Department also notified and calls confirmed case to conduct an interview
- During the interview close contacts are identified
- Positive case is advised to isolate and provided instructions
- A health professional provides regular check-ins to monitor symptoms and provide support

Close Contacts

- County Health Department Contact Tracers call those identified as close contacts and informs them of potential exposure*
- Contact Tracers provide instructions to quarantine for 14 days
- A health professional provides regular check-ins and support

Contacts of Close Contacts (secondary contacts)

- Not included in County Health Department case investigations or contact tracing
- Individuals should remain vigilant in monitoring symptoms, along with using face covers, and practicing physical distancing and appropriate hygiene

*Close Contact Interview

- A close contact includes anyone who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case for 15 minutes or more
 - Contact tracers will:
 - Provide quarantine instructions including monitoring symptoms
 - Encourage close contacts to get a COVID-19 test
- Note: *Even if test result is negative, contacts should complete full 14-day quarantine*
- Connect close contacts with additional resources

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