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Case Definition for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

The case definition is based on the current information available and may be revised as new information accumulates.

Suspect case

- A. A patient with acute respiratory illness (fever or cough or shortness of breath), AND
- A history of travel to a foreign country during the 14 days prior to symptom onset; OR
 - Having been in contact* with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case (see definition of contact) in the last 14 days prior to symptom onset
- B. A patient with severe acute respiratory illness (fever or cough or shortness of breath; AND requiring hospitalization) AND in the absence of an alternative diagnosis that fully explains the clinical presentation.

Probable case

- A. A suspect case for whom testing could not be performed for any reason OR
- B. A suspect case for whom testing for the COVID-19 virus is inconclusive.

Confirmed case

A person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.

*Definition of a Contact

A contact is a person who experienced any one of the following exposures during the 2 days before and the 14 days after the onset of symptoms of a probable or confirmed case.

Close contact is defined as:

- Working together in close proximity or sharing the same environment with a COVID-19 patient
- Face-to-face contact within 1 meter and for more than 15 minutes
- Traveling together with a COVID-19 patient in any kind of conveyance
- Living in the same household as a COVID-19 patient
- Health care associated exposure, including providing direct care for COVID-19 patients, working with health care workers infected with novel coronavirus, visiting patients or staying in the same close environment as a COVID-19 patient.

Note: for confirmed asymptomatic cases, the period of contact is measured as the 2 days before through the 14 days after the date on which the sample was taken which led to confirmation.

Lay/Community Case Definition

Any person presenting with hotness of the body or cough or difficulty in breathing having history of travel from outside the country OR lived with or visited somebody known to have Coronavirus disease.

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