Contact tracing is a core public health response to COVID-19. Other measures include active case finding or physical distancing.

In order to trace a contact, we first need to define what a ‘contact’ is.

A close contact of a COVID-19 case is any person:

- who had face-to-face contact with a COVID-19 case within two metres for more than 15 minutes
- who had physical contact with a COVID-19 case
- who had unprotected direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (for example by being coughed on)
- who was in a closed environment (household, classroom, meeting room, hospital waiting room, etc.) with a COVID-19 case for more than 15 minutes
- who was in the car, motorcycle within two seats of COVID-19 case or people who were in close contact with the case during the drive or ride; if the case showed strong symptoms or moved around the car or motorcycle, all passengers may be ‘close contacts’
- who was providing care to a COVID-19 case, or laboratory workers who were handling specimens from a COVID-19 case without proper personal protective equipment or with a possible breach of such equipment.

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