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Identifying close contacts of COVID-19 patients

A close contact is a person who has had any one of the following exposures to a confirmed case:

1. **face-to-face contact** with a probable or confirmed case within 1 meter and for **at least 15 minutes**;
2. direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case;
3. direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without the use of recommended PPE;
4. other situations as indicated by local risk assessments

Exposure must have occurred during the infectious period of the case, and defined as follows:

- Exposure to a symptomatic case: 2 days before and 5 days after onset of symptoms of the case.
- Exposure to an asymptomatic case: 2 days before and 5 days after the date on which the sample that led to confirmation was taken.

In the indoor classroom setting, if the student(s) were beyond 1 meter of an infected student and if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) **wore masks** and **if no face to face contact**, there is no need for quarantine. Only the unvaccinated students who fall into the definition of close contact should be quarantined.


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