

COVID-19 (2019-nCoV): Risk Assessment for patients presenting to general practice and healthcare settings other than receiving hospitals



Please note background colour coding indicates infection control precautions as per right-hand panel

1 CLOSE CONTACTS:

Any individual who has had greater than 15 minutes face-to-face (<2 metres* distance) contact with a laboratory confirmed case, in any setting.

Click <u>here</u> for further details on the definition of close contacts.

*A distance of 1 metre is generally regarded as sufficient to minimise direct exposure to droplets however, for Public Health purposes, a close contact definition of 2 metres has been specified.

CONTACT DETAILS: PUBLIC HEALTH Medical Officer Health (MoH): (OOH 0818 501999)

HSE E: 01 635 2145 HSE M: 057 935 9891 HSE MW: 061 483 338 046 907 6412 HSE NE: HSE NW: 071 985 2900 HSF SF: 056 778 4142 HSE S: 021 492 7601 HSE W: 091 775 200

NAS: as per usual channels—(0818 501999)

Interim Case Definition

In the 14 days before the onset of illness:

Been in an area with presumed community transmission of COVID-19

OR

Contact¹ with a case of COVID-19

OR

Worked in or attended a healthcare facility where patients with COVID-19 were being treated

AND

CLINICAL CRITERIA

severe acute respiratory infection requiring admission to hospital with clinical or radiological evidence of pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome

OR

acute respiratory infection of any degree of severity (including at least one of the following:
fever, shortness of breath or cough)

OR

Fever of unknown cause with no other symptoms

Clinicians should be alert to the possibility of atypical presentations in patients who are immunocompromised.

♦ YES

STOP

COVID-19 UNLIKELY Proceed as clinically

indicated

ISOLATE patient away from other patients (Advice for GPs)

2. Initiate STANDARD CONTACT & DROPLET PRECAUTIONS

- 3. Provide the patient with a SURGICAL MASK if tolerated
- 4. Explain the **NOW and the NEXT to the patient**
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- 1. Phone PUBLIC HEALTH to DISCUSS details of the possible case
- 2. If the patient fits the CASE DEFINITION:
- You should ALERT NATIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE (NAS) of a possible case of COVID-19 for transfer of the patient
- NAS will contact the <u>RECEIVING HOSPITAL</u>, who will alert ED/admitting team and IPC team in advance
- Discard waste and decontaminate environment as per IPC guidelines
- Record details of all persons in the waiting room and practice team members who
 may have had potential exposure

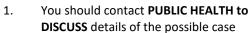
STANDARD PRECAUTIONS (SP)

Maintain at least 1 METRE DISTANCE

CONTACT & DROPLET PRECAUTIONS:

- Gloves
- Long-sleeved gown, if available, if not, then use plastic apron and roll up sleeves
- Eye protection (face shield or goggles)
- Respiratory protection (surgical face mask)
- Respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette

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