Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Risk Assessment and Public Health Management Decision Making

Each question refers to within the past 14 days

Did the person being evaluated travel from China?
- NO
- YES

Did the person travel from Hubei, China specifically?
- NO
- YES

Did the person have any contact with a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19*?
- NO
- YES

Is the person being evaluated a healthcare worker in a U.S. healthcare setting?
- NO
- YES

Refer to Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential COVID-19 Exposure**

Was the person in the same indoor environment as a case for a prolonged period but did not meet the definition of close contact (e.g., in the same classroom or same hospital waiting room)?
- NO
- YES

Did the person contact respiratory secretions or was the person within 6 feet of a case for a prolonged period?
- NO
- YES

Were all recommended precautions for home care and isolation followed consistently?
- NO
- YES

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- NO
- YES

Actions for people without symptoms consistent with COVID-19

Actions for people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19

High Risk
- Remain under quarantine authority; no public activities; daily active monitoring; controlled travel

Medium Risk
- Stay home; active monitoring or self-monitoring with public health supervision; recommend to not travel

Low Risk
- Stay home from work or school, avoid contact with others, don't travel. Seek health advice

No identifiable risk
- None; routine medical care

*Or a case diagnosed clinically with COVID-19 infection outside of the United States who did not have laboratory testing

**Healthcare provider (HCP) guidance outlines risk categories to determine work exclusion and monitoring procedures. After identifying risk category in the HCP guidance, use the categories outlined here to determine quarantine requirements.

If you are concerned about an exposure that does not align with these categories, please contact the CDC Emergency Operations Center at 1-800-232-4636

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