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 → Did the person have any contact with a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19*? NO → Is the person being evaluated a healthcare worker in a U.S. healthcare setting? YES → Refer to Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential COVID-19 Exposure**

Did the person travel from Hubei, China specifically? NO → Refer to Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential COVID-19 Exposure**

Did the person being evaluated have contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 in the context of living with, being an intimate partner of, or caring for the person, outside a healthcare facility? YES → Were all recommended precautions for home care and isolation followed consistently? YES → Did the person contact respiratory secretions or was the person within 6 feet of a case for a prolonged period? NO → 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)? YES → No identifiable risk

High Risk

Actions for people without symptoms consistent with COVID-19
Remain under quarantine authority; no public activities; daily active monitoring; controlled travel

Actions for people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19
Immediate isolation; medical evaluation guided by PUI definition; pre-notify healthcare services; controlled travel

Medium Risk

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

Low Risk

Self observation

Stay home from work or school, avoid contact with others, don’t travel. Seek health advice

None; routine medical care

No identifiable risk

*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.

These examples may not cover all potential exposures to laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19. 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