

Overview

Document Objective: To graphically represent the screening process for a care worker to apply before visiting a Care Connect Client

Definitions:

Confirmed Case:

A confirmed case is someone who tests positive for COVID-19. This means they have been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 and there is a risk that they could spread the virus to other people.

Suspected Case:

- A suspected case is someone who has symptoms or signs of COVID-19 or who is being tested for infection but has not found out the results of the tests yet. Until the results are known this means there is a risk that you could have COVID-19 infection and could spread the virus to other people.

Close Contact:

Close Contact is:

- Face-to-face contact in any setting with a confirmed or probable case, for greater than 15 minutes cumulative over the course of a week, in the period extending from 48 hours before onset of symptoms in the confirmed or suspected case;
or
- Sharing of a closed space with a confirmed or probable case for a prolonged period (e.g. more than 2 hours) in the period extending from 48 hours before onset of symptoms in the confirmed or probable case.

Contact needs to have occurred within the period extending 48 hours before onset of symptoms in the case until the case is classified as no longer infectious by the treating team (usually 24 hours after the resolution of symptoms).

Note that:

- Healthcare workers and other contacts who have taken recommended infection control precautions, including the use of full PPE, while caring for a symptomatic confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases are not considered to be close contacts.
- Contact tracing is not required for close contacts arriving on international flights on or after 16 March 2020..

