WHAT HAPPENS IN A CONTACT INVESTIGATION

The public health approach to identifying other people who may have been exposed to a positive case.

COVID-19 POSTIVE TEST

A health care provider or a public health nurse begins a CONTACT INVESTIGATION to identify people who may have been exposed to a positive case.

What will the nurse ask?

- When did you begin to feel ill?
  A person can be infectious 2 days prior to onset of symptoms.

- What were your activities from 2 days before symptoms appeared until today?
  Identifying those in CLOSE CONTACT while infectious.

- What were your activities 14 days before that?
  This is to determine where/who the virus came from. It may take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear after exposure.

- Do you have other medical conditions that might increase your risk of complications?

CLOSE CONTACT

A health care provider or public health nurse will contact anyone who was within 6 feet of the patient for more than 10 minutes.

DAILY CHECK-IN

The patient and close contacts will be called daily until cleared from isolation or quarantine.

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