

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Interim Exposure Categories for 2019 Novel Coronavirus

Risk Level 1=higher risk 3=lower risk	Type of contact	Definition of contact	Monitoring	What to do if develop symptoms ^d	Activity restriction ^a
1	Close contact	 Close contact (within 6 feet of case for prolonged time (i.e.,. >10 minutes) or with a person with confirmed 2019-nCoV while the person was symptomatic Contact with infectious secretions Within the room or care area of a confirmed 2019-nCoV case for a prolonged time (such as caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE^b 	Active monitoring by LHA for 14 days after last exposure	Immediately contact LHA	No, unless symptoms occur
	Healthcare contact	 Healthcare worker in same room as case without wearing proper PPE^b Any person in same room while patient present and up to 1 hour after patient left the area (e.g., waiting room) 	Active monitoring by LHA for 14 days after last exposure	Immediately contact LHA	No, unless symptoms occur Healthcare facilities may opt for more conservative restrictions (e.g. furlough)
2	Healthcare contact	 Healthcare worker who provided direct patient care of a confirmed 2019-nCoV patient while wearing proper PPE^b 	Active monitoring by or in consultation with LHA for 14 days after last exposure	Immediately contact LHA	None needed
	Laboratory contact	 Laboratory worker processing blood, serum, or respiratory samples not wearing proper PPE or without standard biosafety precaution 	Passive monitoring by LHA for 14 days after last exposure	Immediately contact LHA	None needed
3	Public	 Transient interactions in public setting (e.g., walked past, clerk in store, work in same location but no close contact) 	None needed	N/A	None needed

^{a.} Activity restrictions may include home isolation, furlough from work, avoid use of public transportation, travel restrictions, etc.

^{b.} Appropriate PPE includes all of the following: NIOSH-Approved and fit-tested N95 or PAPR/CAPR, gown, gloves, eye protection (e.g., goggles or a face shield) ^{c.} For example performing any procedure (e.g. vortexing, centrifuging) with the potential to generate fine-particulate aerosols (particles with a diameter of 2.5 mm or less) outside a class II biosafety cabinet

^{d.} Symptoms include ≥ 1 or more of the following: Fever measured >38°C or 100.4°F or subjective), cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing/shortness of breath, muscle aches, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea.