COVID-19 - Definition of contact
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As Luxembourg has met the epidemiological criteria proving a local circulation of the virus, the notions of travel and risk zones are no longer taken into account.

An intimate contact with COVID-19 is defined as:

- a person living under the same roof with / in the same household as a COVID-19 case;
- a person who has had intimate physical contact with a COVID-19 during a period of 24 hours prior to showing symptoms.

These contacts must undergo a 7-day self-quarantine, followed by self-monitoring for the following 7 days.

Close contact with COVID-19 is defined as:

- a person who has had direct physical contact with a COVID-19 case (e.g. shaking hands);
- a person who has had direct unprotected contact with infectious secretions from a COVID-19 case (e.g. sputum, picking up a used handkerchief with bare hands);
- a person who has had face-to-face contact, for more than 15 minutes and within two metres, with a COVID-19 case;
- a person being in a closed environment (e.g. classroom, meeting room, waiting room) with a COVID-19 case for more than 15 minutes and within a distance of less than 2 meters;
- a health care professional or other person providing direct care for a COVID-19 case, or laboratory personnel handling COVID-19 samples, without personal protection;
- a person in an aircraft, seated within two seats (in any direction) of a COVID-19 case, travelling companions or caregivers, and crew members serving in the section of the aircraft in which the case was seated (if the severity of symptoms or the movement of the case indicates a more extensive exposure, all passengers seated in the entire section or all passengers in the aircraft may be considered close contacts).

For these contacts, a 14-day self-monitoring period must be applied.

Occasional contact with COVID-19 is defined as:

- Every person who has had a contact that does not meet the above criteria.

For these contacts, no specific measures are required.

A person who has - even an intimate - relationship with a close contact of COVID-19 case is not considered a contact.