

## Practice procedure for the Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2): Definitions and Advice

<b>A close contact is defined as:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• face-to-face contact for &gt; 15 minutes; or</li> <li>• sharing of a closed space for &gt; 2 hours</li> <li>• in the period extending from 24 hours before onset of symptoms in the confirmed case.</li> </ul>
<b>Suspect case</b>	<p><b>Anyone with respiratory symptoms or unexplained fever should be tested for COVID-19.</b> This is especially important for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• anyone who lives or works in a high-risk setting, including healthcare facilities, aged care and other residential facilities, schools, prisons, and other closed settings</li> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</li> <li>• people who are close contacts of a confirmed case or who have returned from overseas in the last 14 days</li> <li>• anyone admitted to hospital</li> <li>• people who reside in areas of increased surveillance.</li> </ul> <p>Please make sure any health care or aged care workers or residents are noted on the laboratory request form so their test can be prioritised.</p> <p><b>Asymptomatic people do not require testing, except in special circumstances,</b> e.g. they are recovered cases wishing to return to work in a health care, aged care facility, or other high-risk setting, or the person is part of a public health unit outbreak investigation.</p>
<b>Who needs home isolation or home quarantine for 14 days?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all confirmed cases</li> <li>• all suspect cases as defined above</li> <li>• all people that have had COVID19 testing (to review when result available)</li> <li>• all people who meet the close contact definition as above</li> </ul>
<b>Home isolation or quarantine means:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not accepting visitors.</li> <li>• practice good hand hygiene and keep surfaces clean</li> <li>• wear a surgical mask when you are in the same room as another person</li> <li>• if possible, use a separate bathroom and toilet</li> <li>• a patient can call the practice</li> <li>• Hospital admission is not required unless clinically indicated.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Home isolation guide is available</a></li> </ul>
<b>A vulnerable person:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is at least 70 years old; or</li> <li>• if the person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent—is at least 50 years old; or</li> <li>• is pregnant; or</li> <li>• is the parent of a child aged under 12 months; or</li> <li>• is being treated for a chronic health condition; or</li> <li>• is immune compromised; or</li> <li>• meets the current national triage protocol criteria for suspected COVID-19 infection</li> </ul>