



Key outbreak management definitions

Possible or suspected (symptomatic) case:	Staff member with a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
Confirmed case:	Staff member with a laboratory test positive for COVID-19/ SARS-CoV-2 with or without symptoms
Contacts:	Close contacts are those who have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• had face-to-face contact of any duration (less than 1 metre away) with the case or• been coughed or sneezed on by the case or• had unprotected physical contact (skin to skin) with case or• spent 1 minute or more within 1 metre of the case or• spent more than 15 minutes within 2 metres of the case or• travelled in a car or other small vehicle (even on a short journey)
Outbreak:	Two or more test-confirmed cases of COVID-19 among individuals associated with the workplace with illness onset dates within 14 days, and one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identified close contact between at least two of the test-confirmed cases during the infectious period of one of the cases, or• when there is no sustained local community transmission - absence of an alternative source of infection outside the setting for the initially identified cases Ends when there are no test-confirmed cases with illness onset dates in the last 28 days in that setting



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Cluster:	Two or more test-confirmed cases of COVID-19 among individuals associated with the workplace with illness onset dates within 14 days (in the absence of detailed information about the type of contact between the cases) Ends when there are no test-confirmed cases with illness onset dates in the last 14 days in that setting
Infectious period:	From 48 hours prior to symptom onset to 10 days after. If asymptomatic, then from 48hrs prior to test date, to 10 days after test date. This is when someone can pass the infection on to other people.
Asymptomatic:	When a person has COVID-19, but doesn't develop any symptoms of illness. They can still pass the infection onto others.
Pre-symptomatic:	The 48 hours before symptoms start, when a person might be able to pass on the infection, but is not yet unwell.