



1. **Close contact** is defined as:

- Prolonged face-to-face contact (>15 minutes) with a symptomatic confirmed case in a household or other closed setting **OR**
- Healthcare worker who provided direct clinical or personal care or examination of a symptomatic confirmed case **OR**
- Hospital visitor, to a possible/confirmed case. Contacts will be identified following a risk assessment.

2. NB: If there is no possibility of laboratory confirmation because the patient or samples are not available and the symptoms are not already explained by any other infection or aetiology, the symptomatic contact becomes a probable case (see WHO interim recommendations for further details) http://www.who.int/csr/disease/coronavirus_infections/InterimRevisedSurveillanceRecommendations_nCoVInfection_03Dec12.pdf

3. **MERS-CoV guidance** available at: <http://www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/A-Z/Respiratory/CoronavirusInfections/Guidance/>