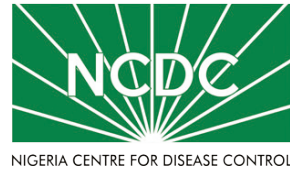


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Case Definitions for Coronavirus Disease

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SUSPECTED CASE

Four options, A through D:

A. Any person who meets the clinical
AND epidemiological criteria:

Clinical criteria:

Acute onset of ANY TWO OR MORE
of the following signs or symptoms:
fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat/
pharyngitis, headache, difficulty breathing
/dyspnea, nausea, loss of taste, loss of smell,
general weakness/fatigue, diarrhea,
chest pain, vomiting, chills/sweating,
muscle pain/myalgia, wheezing,
abdominal pain,
altered mental status.

Epidemiological criteria:

1. Residing or working in a setting with high
risk of transmission of the virus: for example,
closed residential settings and humanitarian
settings, such as camp and camp-like settings
for displaced persons, any time within the 14
days before symptom onset;

OR

2. Residing in or travel to a country, state,
LGA with community transmission as classified
by the NCDC, anytime within the 14 days
before symptom onset;

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OR

3. Working in health setting, including within health facilities anytime within the 14 days before symptom onset.

- B.** A patient with severe acute respiratory illness (SARI: acute respiratory infection with history of fever or measured fever of $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$; and cough; with onset within the last 10 days; and who requires hospitalisation) or with chest imaging showing findings suggestive of COVID-19 disease
- C.** A person not meeting epidemiological criteria with a positive SARS-CoV-2 antigen-detecting rapid diagnostic test (Ag-RDT), irrespective of any symptoms
- D.** Close contact of a confirmed case, irrespective of any symptoms

PROBABLE CASE

- A.** A suspect case who dies prior to the collection of a valid sample



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CONFIRMED CASE

- A.** Any person with laboratory PCR confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 infection with or without signs and symptoms.

CONTACT

- A.** A contact is a person who experienced any one of the following exposures during the 2 days before and the 14 days after the onset of symptoms of a probable or confirmed case:
1. *Face-to-face contact with a probable or confirmed case within 1 metre and for more than 15 minutes;*
 2. *Direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case;*
 3. *Direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without proper use of personal protective equipment;*
OR
 4. *Other situations as indicated by local risk assessments.*

Note: for confirmed asymptomatic cases, the period of contact is measured as the 2 days before, through the 14 days after the date on which the sample was taken which led to confirmation.