

COVID-19 Contact Type Definitions

Close Contact

- Direct contact with the body fluids or the laboratory specimens of a case
- Presence in the same room in a health care setting when an aerosol-generating procedure is undertaken on a case
- Living in the same household or household-like setting (eg, shared section of in a hostel) with a case
- Face-to-face contact in any setting within two metres of a case for 15 minutes or more
- Having been in a closed environment (eg, a classroom, hospital waiting room, or conveyance other than aircraft) within 2 metres of a case for 15 minutes or more; or in a higher-risk closed environment for 15 minutes or more as determined by the local Medical Officer of Health.
- Having been seated on an aircraft within 2 metres of a case (for economy class this would mean 2 seats in any direction including seats across the aisle, other classes would require further assessment)

Close Plus Contact

Close Plus Contacts are persons with the same criteria as close contacts but contact took place where there is a higher risk of transmission

Secondary contact

Secondary Contacts are household members of a Close Contact or Close Plus Contact.

Casual Contact

Casual contacts are persons that have had contact with a positive case but do not meet the criteria for a close contact e.g. may have been in the same place and time as a positive case but not within 2m or less than 15 mins.

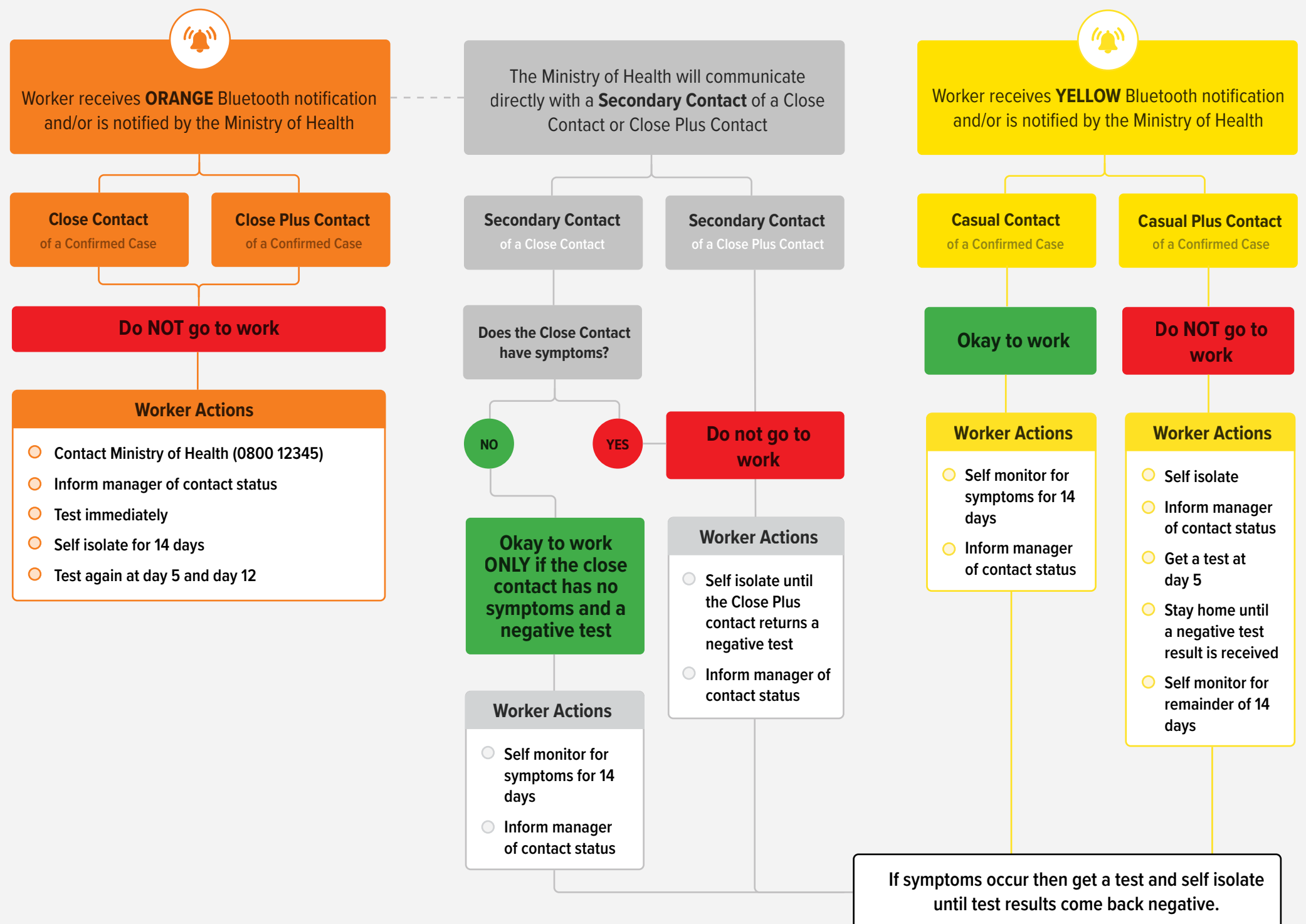
Casual Plus Contact

Their contact was under the same conditions as a Casual Contact but there is a higher risk for transmission.

There is currently no action required for a secondary Contact of a Casual Contact or Casual Plus Contact.

COVID-19 Contact Classification Process

What the worker should do



What to do on-site

Worker is SELF MONITORING or SELF ISOLATING but has not tested positive

- Communicate with and support the worker
- Respect their privacy
- Maintain hygiene standards on site
- Ensure all workers are well when coming to work

Worker is a CONFIRMED CASE

- Contact the Ministry of Health and follow guidelines
- Communicates with workers to advise them that they need to contact the Ministry of Health if they consider themselves to be a close or casual contact of a positive case
- Workplace conducts deep cleaning

For additional advice please contact Healthline on **0800 358 5453**

For up to date guidance visit the [Ministry of Health website](#)

For COVID testing information visit the [Health Point website](#)

In all cases advice from public health officials will supersede the information provided in this flow chart