



**‡Suspect case:**  
Patients with acute respiratory infection (sudden onset of at least one of the following: cough, sore throat, shortness of breath) requiring hospitalisation or not, AND in the 14 days prior to onset of symptoms, met at least one of the following three epidemiological criteria: were in close contact with a confirmed or probable case of 2019-nCoV infection; or had a history of travel to areas with presumed ongoing community transmission of 2019-nCoV; or worked in or attended a health care facility where patients with 2019-nCoV infections were being treated.

**\*Close contact (high risk exposure):**

- a person who has stayed in the same cabin with a suspect 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease case;
- cabin steward who cleaned the cabin of the suspect 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease case
- a person who has had face-to-face contact or was in a closed environment with a suspect 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease case, including participating with them in on board or ashore activities, or dining at the same table;
- a person in the same immediate travelling group participating in common activities on board or ashore;
- a healthcare worker or other person providing direct care for a 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease suspect case

**†Casual contact (low risk exposure):**  
Casual contacts are difficult to define on board a confined space such as a cruise ships therefore, it is advised to consider as casual contacts all travellers on board the ship who do not fulfill the criteria of the close contact definition.