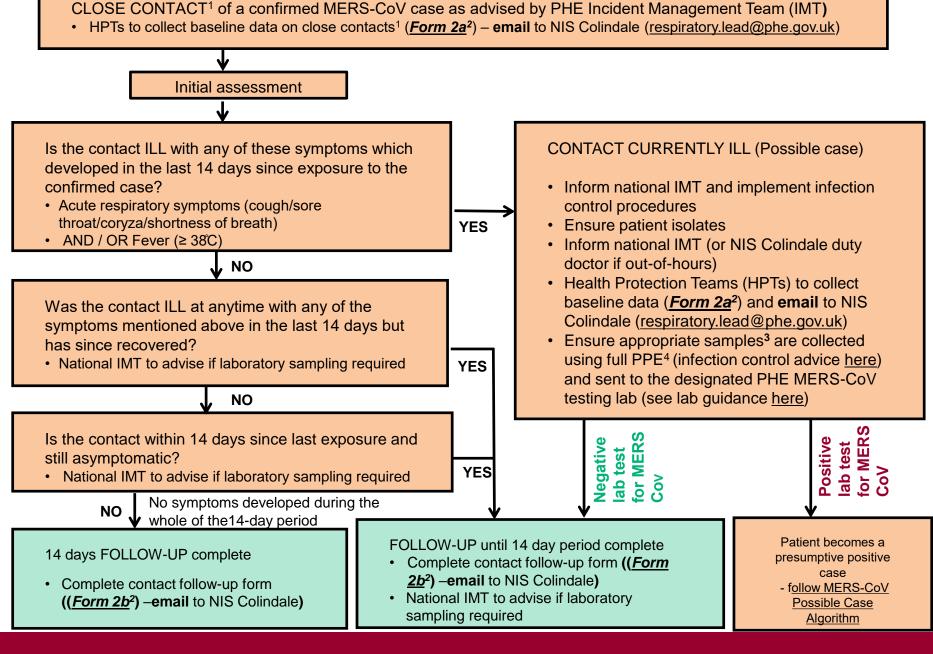


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MERS-CoV Close Contact Algorithm

Public health investigation and management of close contacts of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) cases (v17 29 January 2019)



Important notes

- 1. Close contact is defined as (from date of illness onset in index case and throughout their symptomatic period)
 - any person who had prolonged face-to-face contact (>15 minutes) with a symptomatic confirmed case of MERS-CoV in a household or other closed setting
 - health or social care worker who provided direct clinical or personal care or examination of a symptomatic confirmed case of MERS-CoV, or was within 2m of a symptomatic case or had direct contacts with body fluids from a symptomatic case, for any length of time
- 2. Forms 2a and 2b mentioned in the algorithm are provided on request by PHE Colindale to HPTs or are available online.
- 3. 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 <a href="https://www.who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.interim.net.org/who.in
- 4. Full PPE include correctly fitted high filtration respirator (FFP3), gown, gloves and eye protection as a minimum (refer <u>here</u> for full details).