

# COVID-19 Screening Criteria

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People with fever and/or a cough or shortness of breath are at highest risk of having COVID-19 if they meet any of the following criteria:

In the 14 days before illness onset, they:

- Travelled anywhere outside of Canada;

OR

- Had close contact\* with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19;

OR

- **NEW:** Had close contact\* with a person with acute respiratory illness **who has travelled anywhere outside of Canada** within the last 14 days before their illness;

OR

- Had laboratory exposure to biological material (e.g. primary clinical specimens, virus culture isolates) known to contain COVID-19 virus.

\* A close contact is defined as a person who:

- Provided care for the individual, including healthcare workers, family members or other caregivers, or who had other similar close physical contact with the person without consistent and appropriate use of personal protective equipment

OR

- Lived with or otherwise had close prolonged contact (within 2 metres) with the person while the person was infectious

OR

- Had direct contact with infectious bodily fluids of the person (e.g. was coughed or sneezed on) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment.

Additional Resource: Case Map

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>