SURVEILLANCE CASE DEFINITIONS FOR COVID-19 (Version 3)
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Suspect Case

Any person (including severely ill patients) presenting with fever, cough or difficulty in breathing

AND

who within 14 days before the onset of illness had any of the following exposures:

1. History of travel to and more than 24 hours transit through any high-risk country with widespread community transmission* of SARS-CoV-2

OR

2. Close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19

OR

3. Exposure to a healthcare facility where COVID-19 case(s) have been reported

A probable case

Probable case

Any suspect case

1. For whom testing for COVID-19 is Indeterminate test results

OR

2. For whom testing was positive on a pan-coronavirus assay

OR

3. Where samples were not collected before the demise of a suspect case

Confirmed case

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

Health care worker infection

Any health care worker with moderate to severe respiratory illness reporting recent contact (<14 days) with patients with recent history of travel abroad and respiratory symptoms will be considered a suspect case

*High risk countries with widespread community transmission: China, Republic of Korea, Spain, Italy, Iran, Japan, France & Germany