



What is... CONTACT TRACING?

WORDS TO KNOW



Case Patient

A person who has tested positive for the **COVID-19** virus.



Contact

Someone who has been within a 6 foot radius of someone who is ill for longer than 10 minutes.



Contact Tracing

The process of tracing and monitoring contacts of case patients.



Isolation

For someone who is ill.

Quarantine

For someone who has had close contact with someone ill.

WHAT DOES CONTACT TRACING LOOK LIKE?



Gather Info

- Interview positive case patient.
- Gather info about close contacts.
- Case-patient is placed on **ISOLATION**.



Quarantine

- Interview close contacts.
- Contacts are placed on 14-day **QUARANTINE**.



Follow-up

- Follow-up with contacts about symptoms.
- **SYMPTOMATIC:** Refer person to primary care for testing and start contact tracing. **NON-SYMPTOMATIC:** Person may come off quarantine.



New Case

- **SYMPTOMATIC CONTACTS:** A contact that tests positive becomes a new case patient and the process begins again.

HOW IS COVID-19 TRANSMITTED?

Many people have asked when a positive **COVID-19** case is reported, why don't public health departments identify businesses and locations where that person has shopped or visited?

One reason is the virus is transmitted through respiratory **DROPLETS** and

does not stay suspended in the air like airborne pathogens.

As long as shoppers wear face masks and practice social distancing, the risk of **COVID-19** transmission from shopping in the same store is very low.



Droplet

Larger particles; can travel up to 6 feet and then land on surfaces. Examples: **COVID-19**, influenza, whooping cough.



Airborne

Much smaller particles; can travel more than 6 feet and can stay suspended in the air. Examples: Measles, Chickenpox, TB.

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