

Definition of a Person Under Investigation (PUI)

Epidemiologic Risk (Exposure)	&	Clinical Features
<p>Close contact[^] with a person that has laboratory-confirmed COVID-19</p>	&	<p>Asymptomatic[§]</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Developed one or more of the following symptoms within 14 days of last exposure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fever* • chills • rigors • myalgia • malaise • headache • sore throat • lower respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing) • new olfactory and taste disorders • congestion or runny nose • nausea or vomiting • diarrhea without an alternate more likely diagnosis.
<p>Travel to locations on the KDHE Travel Related Quarantine Table https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/175/Travel-Exposure-Related-Isolation-Quaran</p>	<u>and</u>	
<p>No source of exposure has been identified</p>	<u>and</u>	<p>One or more of the following symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fever* • chills • rigors • myalgia • malaise • headache • sore throat • lower respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing)

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^ You are a "close contact" if any of the following situations happened while you spent time with a person with COVID-19, even if they didn't have symptoms:

- Were within 6 feet of the person for 10 consecutive minutes or more
- Had contact with the person's respiratory secretions (for example, coughed or sneezed on; kissed; contact with a dirty tissue; shared a drinking glass, food, towels, or other personal items)
- Live with the person or stayed overnight for at least one night in a house with the person.

The chance of spreading the virus is greater the longer an infected person or persons are close to someone. It also matters if the infected person is coughing, sneezing, singing, shouting, or doing anything else that produces more respiratory droplets that contain virus or if there are exposures to more than one infected person. Under these higher risk situations, you may want to consider a close contact someone who has been within 6 feet of an infectious person or persons for 10 cumulative minutes or more in a 24-hour period. The final decision on what constitutes close contact is made at the discretion of public health.

§ KDHE recommends that individuals in quarantine after exposure to a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 get tested via a PCR or antigen test 3-5 days after exposure and re-tested 7-10 days after exposure. A negative test result does not allow a patient to end quarantine early. See [shortened quarantine guidance](#).

It is recommended by the CDC that fully vaccinated individuals get tested via PCR or antigen test 3 to 5 days after exposure to a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 even if they do not have symptoms with an additional recommendation by KDHE to re-test 7-10 days after exposure. However, they do not have to isolate at home while waiting for results if they do not have symptoms.

* Measured fever of $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$). Fever CANNOT be subjective.

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