

# CLARIFICATION ON MANAGEMENT AND REFERRAL OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES

## WHO ARE CLOSE CONTACTS OF CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES?



People providing direct care without proper personal protective equipment (PPPE) 2 for COVID-19 patients



People staying in the same close environment of a COVID-19 patient (including workplace, classroom, household, fathering) within the past 14-day period



People traveling together in close proximity (1 meter or less) with a COVID-19 patient in any kind of conveyance within a 14-day period after the onset of symptoms in the case under consideration

## WHAT SHOULD CLOSE CONTACTS DO?



Fully cooperate in contact training activities. The DOH in coordination with local health authorities will directly communicate with identified close contacts. In cases where there is difficulty ascertaining contacts, the DOH will collaborate with local institutions or issue specific advisories



Only those deemed to be close contacts or Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) by the health centre or rural health units shall be referred to Level 2 and Level 3 hospitals for testing



All others who have visited places frequented by confirmed cases of COVID-19 are not required to seek medical consultation and subject themselves to COVID-19 lab testing. They are advised to self-monitor and if with symptoms, consult health centre or rural health units for appropriate management and monitoring.

For more info, the public is advised to visit the dedicated website of the Department for COVID-19 at [www.doh.gov.ph/2019-nCoV](http://www.doh.gov.ph/2019-nCoV) or call (632) 8651 - 7800 local 1149 or 1150



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