

# COVID-19 Contact Type Definitions

## Close Contact

- Direct contact with the body fluids or the laboratory specimens of a case
- Presence in the same room in a health care setting when an aerosol-generating procedure is undertaken on a case
- Living in the same household or household-like setting (eg, shared section of in a hostel) with a case
- Face-to-face contact in any setting within two metres of a case for 15 minutes or more
- Having been in a closed environment (eg, a classroom, hospital waiting room, or conveyance other than aircraft) within 2 metres of a case for 15 minutes or more; or in a higher-risk closed environment for 15 minutes or more as determined by the local Medical Officer of Health.
- Having been seated on an aircraft within 2 metres of a case (for economy class this would mean 2 seats in any direction including seats across the aisle, other classes would require further assessment)

## Close Plus Contact

Close Plus Contacts are persons with the same criteria as close contacts but contact took place where there is a higher risk of transmission

## Secondary contact

Secondary Contacts are household members of a Close Contact or Close Plus Contact.

## Casual Contact

Casual contacts are persons that have had contact with a positive case but do not meet the criteria for a close contact e.g. may have been in the same place and time as a positive case but not within 2m or less than 15 mins.

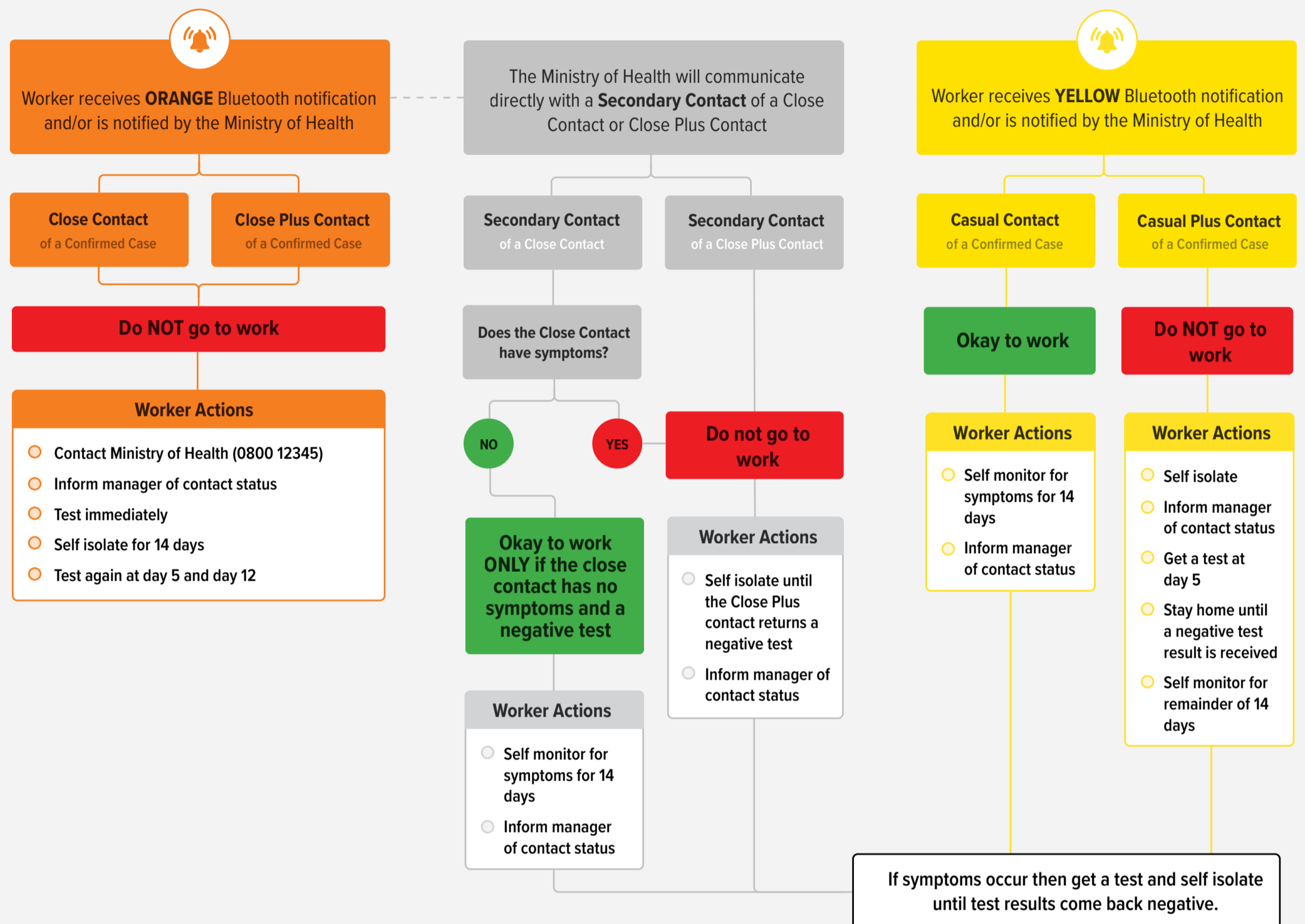
## Casual Plus Contact

Their contact was under the same conditions as a Casual Contact but there is a higher risk for transmission.

*There is currently no action required for a secondary Contact of a Casual Contact or Casual Plus Contact.*

# COVID-19 Contact Classification Process

## What the worker should do



## What to do on-site

**Worker is SELF MONITORING or SELF ISOLATING but has not tested positive**

- Communicate with and support the worker
- Respect their privacy
- Maintain hygiene standards on site
- Ensure all workers are well when coming to work

**Worker is a CONFIRMED CASE**

- Contact the Ministry of Health and follow guidelines
- Communicates with workers to advise them that they need to contact the Ministry of Health if they consider themselves to be a close or casual contact of a positive case
- Workplace conducts deep cleaning

For additional advice please contact Healthline on **0800 358 5453**

For up to date guidance visit the [Ministry of Health website](#)

For COVID testing information visit the [Health Point website](#)

*In all cases advice from public health officials will supersede the information provided in this flow chart*