NB Interim national case definition: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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Probable
A person:
• with fever (over 38 degrees Celsius) and/or new onset of (or exacerbation of chronic) cough
AND
• who had close contact * with a confirmed case of COVID-19
OR
• meets the COVID-19 exposure criteria*

Confirmed
A person with laboratory confirmation of infection with SARS-CoV-2 as a result of nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT).

*C. Exposure criteria
In the 14 days before onset of illness, a person who:
Traveled to an affected area i.e. anyone who travelled outside NB
OR
Had close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who has been to an affected area (anyone who travelled outside NB within 14 days prior to their illness onset).

** A close contact is defined as a person who provided care for the patient, including healthcare workers, family members or other caregivers, or who had other similar close physical contact or who lived with or otherwise had close prolonged contact with a probable or confirmed case while the case was ill.)