

Contact Assessment Guide

	Close range contact ≤ 1.5m of case			Higher risk indoor contact >1.5m away from case & no close-range contact			Low risk contact no close-range contact or higher risk indoor contact			
Type of interaction	Direct contact with respiratory secretions or saliva (indoors or outdoors), OR Face to face contact with a case who is forcefully expelling air/secretions FOR ANY DURATION OF TIME REGARDLESS OF MASK USE	Indoor face to face contact for more than 15 minutes	Non face to face contact for more than 1 hour in an indoor space	Indoor settings without good airflow or ventilation ¹ : • a small space (< 100m ²) for more than 15 minutes, OR • a medium sized space (100-300m ²) for more than 1 hour	Indoor settings where high transmission behaviours occur • e.g., singing, shouting, smoking or vaping, playing wind/brass instruments, dancing, exertion	Indoor settings where mask use is not required, or masks are unlikely to be used	Large indoor venues (bigger than 300m ²) FOR ANY DURATION OF TIME	Smaller indoor venues (less than 300m ²) with good airflow or ventilation ¹ for up to 2 hours	Brief indoor contact within 1.5 metres of a case	Outdoor settings FOR ANY DURATION OF TIME
Case wore mask ²	Close	Casual if < 2 hours	Casual if < 2 hours	Casual if < 2 hours	Casual if < 2 hours	Close	Casual	Casual	Casual	Casual
Case did NOT wear mask		Casual if > 2 hours	Casual if > 2 hours	Casual if > 2 hours	Casual if > 2 hours					
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kissing, spitting, hongi, sharing cigarettes or vapes, sharing drinks or utensils • Singing, shouting, coughing, sneezing • Contact sports (heavy breathing related to exertion) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a conversation • Sitting across a table from someone 	Sitting within 1.5m of someone but not having a conversation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small offices, sick bays, toilet blocks • Close contact businesses such as hairdressers or beauty salon • Buses, trains, taxis, shared work vehicles/trucks • Restaurants, cafes, bars • Medium offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bars and pubs • Social gatherings • Indoor, high intensity sports • Gyms and indoor recreation settings • Faith-based sessions such as churches or mosques 	Indoor eating places such as cafés and restaurants or staff cafeterias	School and community halls, exhibition centres, hardware stores, supermarkets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well ventilated classrooms/offices, Supermarkets, hardware stores • Meeting rooms, offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passing each other in the corridor • Sharing an elevator • Collecting takeaways, click & collect services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most outdoor recreation activities, including outdoor dining • Non-contact outdoor sports • Petrol station forecourts

¹ Good air flow and ventilation is required to prevent virus particles accumulating in an indoor space. Good ventilation/airflow can be achieved by keeping windows open.

² For all contacts in an indoor space, mask use is only considered to be protective for up to 2 hours.