CASE DEFINITION

(Source - Guidelines on Clinical Management of COVID – 19, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI, dated 17.03.2020)

Suspect Case:
A patient with acute respiratory illness {fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)}, AND a history of travel to or residence in a country/area or territory reporting local transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset;

OR

A patient/Health care worker with any acute respiratory illness AND having been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case in the last 14 days prior to onset of symptoms;

OR

A patient with severe acute respiratory infection {fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease (e.g., cough, shortness breath)} AND requiring hospitalization AND with no other etiology that fully explains the clinical presentation;

OR

A case for whom testing for COVID-19 is inconclusive.

Laboratory Confirmed case:
A person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.

Updated definition of contact:
A contact is a person that is involved in any of the following:
• Providing direct care without proper personal protective equipment (PPE) for COVID-19 patients
• Staying in the same close environment of a COVID-19 patient (including workplace, classroom, household, gatherings).
• Traveling together in close proximity (1 m) with a symptomatic person who later tested positive for COVID-19.

**High Risk Contact:**
• Touched body fluids of the patient (Respiratory tract secretions, blood, vomit, saliva, urine, faeces)
• Had direct physical contact with the body of the patient including physical examination without PPE.
• Touched or cleaned the linens, clothes, or dishes of the patient.
• Lives in the same household as the patient.
• Anyone in close proximity (within 3 ft) of the confirmed case without precautions.
• Passenger in close proximity (within 3 ft) of a conveyance with a symptomatic person who later tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 6 hours.

**Low Risk Contact:**
• Shared the same space (Same class for school/worked in same room/similar and not having a high risk exposure to confirmed or suspect case of COVID-19).
• Travelled in same environment (bus/train/flight/any mode of transit) but not having a high-risk exposure.