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Definition of Close Contacts for Communicable Diseases

- Direct face-to-face contact for a period (not defined) with a case-patient who is symptomatic (e.g., in the catarrhal or paroxysmal period of illness);
- Shared confined space in close proximity for a prolonged period of time, such as ≥ 1 hour, with a symptomatic case-patient; or
- Direct contact with respiratory, oral, or nasal secretions from a symptomatic case-patient (e.g. an explosive cough or sneeze in the face, sharing food, sharing eating utensils during a meal, kissing, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, or performing a full medical exam including examination of the nose and throat).