

COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE STANDARD CASE DEFINITION

The Government of Uganda has declared the COVID-19 a national emergency. The National Task Force (NTF) activated the COVID-19 Incident Management System with an Incident Manager to coordinate the implementation of various preparedness activities. In order to enhance surveillance for COVID-19, the following case definitions have been developed to enable quick detection and prompt response.

Community case definition

Any person or group of persons with flu like symptoms such as running nose, sneezing, cough, sore throat and difficulty in breathing.

Suspect case

- A. Any person with acute respiratory illness with high temperature (above 37.5°C) and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), **AND** with no other cause that fully explains the clinical presentation **AND** a history of travel in the last 14 days prior to symptom onset from a country/area or territory reporting local transmission of COVID-19 disease

OR

- B. Any person with any acute respiratory illness **AND** having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case in the last 14 days prior to onset of symptoms

OR

- C. Any person with severe acute respiratory infection with high temperature (above 37.5°C) and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness breath) **AND** requiring hospitalization **AND** with no other cause that fully explains the clinical presentation.

Probable case: A suspect case for whom testing for COVID-19 is inconclusive.

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

Contacts

In case you receive or see a patient or a person presenting fulfilling the above case definitions please contact the nearest health facility or Ministry of Health on the following lines immediately on 0900203033 or 0800100066(Toll free lines)