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**COVID 19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE**  
**WHO COVID-19: CASE DEFINITIONS**

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**SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASE**

A person who meets the clinical AND epidemiological criteria:

**1. Clinical Criteria:**

Acute onset of fever AND cough

**OR**

Acute onset of ANY THREE OR MORE of the following signs or symptoms: Fever, cough, general weakness/fatigue, headache, myalgia, sore throat, coryza, dyspnoea, anorexia/nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea, altered mental status.

**AND**

**2. Epidemiological Criteria:**

Residing or working in an area with high risk of transmission of virus: closed residential settings, humanitarian settings such as camp and camp-like settings for displaced persons; anytime within the 14 days prior to symptom onset;

**OR**

Residing or travel to an area with community transmission anytime within the 14 days prior to symptom onset;

**OR**

Working in any health care setting, including within health facilities or within the community; any time within the 14 days prior of symptom onset.

**NOTE:**

A patient with severe acute respiratory illness (SARI: acute respiratory infection with history of fever or measured fever of  $\geq 38$  C°; and cough; with onset within the last 10 days; and requires hospitalization).

**SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASE = CLINICAL CRITERIA +  
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL CRITERIA**



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## GUIDELINES ON WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF SUSPICION OF INFECTION

