

Appendix D: Definition of Key Terms

Close household contact	Any individual who lives and sleeps in the same indoor shared space as another person diagnosed with COVID-19 (either a temporary or permanent living arrangement), leading to close contact and potential repeated exposure to the person with COVID-19. This includes situations where there may be temporary but prolonged exposure such as occurs as sleep-over events, shared camp cabins, vacation rentals, etc.
"Close contact" in the K-12 school setting (see CDC definition):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If facemasks are not consistently and correctly used, then a close contact would include persons sitting within 6 feet adjacent on either side, in-front, or in-back of a person with COVID-19 (for each classroom, including during lunch and snack breaks, or on a bus) for a cumulative time of 15 minutes or longer over a 24 hour period • If facemasks ARE consistently and correctly used, then a close contact would include persons sitting within 3 feet adjacent on either side, in-front, or in-back of a person with COVID-19 (for each classroom, including during lunch and snack breaks, or on a bus) for a cumulative time of 15 minutes or longer over a 24 hour period • The entire classroom, if students are allowed to interact in close contact in an uncontrolled fashion • Persons part of a team or group that interacted with a person with COVID-19 during indoor recess or physical education when they come in close or direct contact • Any person in the same room (i.e., a closed confined space) as a person with COVID-19 while they were singing or playing a wind instrument (regardless of physical distancing). These situations will need to be investigated on a case-by-case basis with the NH DHHS CSI to identify risk of exposure, and may take into account the amount of physical distance, size of the room, and use of face masks during activities • Any person participating in indoor close contact sporting events (training sessions, practices, games) or any contact sports (whether indoors or outdoors) with a person with COVID-19. Because these situations may be higher risk, they will need to be investigated on a case-by-case basis with the DHHS investigator to identify risks for close contact exposure
K-12 school or child care associated case	COVID-19 case (confirmed or probable) who is a student, teacher, or staff member physically present in the school setting or participated in a school sanctioned extracurricular† activity <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Within 14 days prior to illness onset or a positive test result OR b. Within 10 days after illness onset or a positive test result
Standardized K-12 school or child care epidemiologic-linkage definition	A subset of school-associated cases where the most likely place of exposure is determined to be the school setting or a school-sanctioned extracurricular activity.