

Questions the NM OSHA should ask during a COVID-19 Rapid Response interview.

- How many employees work in that location?
- How many employees tested positive for COVID-19?
- What is the date the employee notified you of their positive status?
- What is the last date the employee worked at that location?
- Was the positive employee physically present at the worksite at least 2 days prior to becoming symptomatic or getting a test?
- Have the positive employee(s) been sent home?
 - When / Date?
- What is the date the employee tested?
- Why did the employee get tested?
 - Did the employee experience symptoms?
 - If yes, what is the date the employee's symptoms begin
 - Did the employee report having close contact with another person that tested positive?
 - If yes, what is the date the employee had close contact with the person who tested positive?
 - Are any of your employees cohabitating (living together)?
 - Are any of your employees traveling/ carpooling together?

- Did the positive case physically work with other employees (same building, facility, etc)?
- How many employees have you identified that are considered to have had close contact with the employee that tested positive? (See definition below)
 - Work with the employer to identify close contacts if necessary
- Have the close contacts been sent home?
- What is the date close contact(s) were sent home?
- When did your identified close contact employees begin quarantine?
 - Note: If close contact(s) is/are identified during the interview process, and are still at work, the employer must send the employee(s) home immediately
- Did you test exposed employees identified as close contacts?
 - If yes, Date:
- What date the close contact(s) were/will be sent to be tested for COVID?
- Number of employees tested
- Did you disinfect the workplace?
 - If yes, date:
 - If no, when will you disinfect the workplace?
- Did you implement COVID safe practices for your employees?
 - If yes, when (approximate date)?

- Have you ceased (closed) any operations or isolated workspaces due to potential employee exposure?

- If yes or partial, when?
- If no, why?

- Have you reopened?

- If yes, when
- If no, when do you plan to reopen?

What does it Mean to Be in “Close Contact” with Someone with COVID-19

Who is in their “Infectious Period”?

“**Close contact**” means spending 3 minutes or longer within 6 feet of someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19 when that person was in their infectious period. Wearing a mask or cloth-face covering does not affect the definition for close contact.¹

An “**infectious period**” of a disease is the time during which an infected person is contagious and most likely to spread disease to others.

- ***For people with symptoms, the infectious period begins 2 days before the person experiences symptoms and extends 10 days after the onset of symptoms, provided that there has been no fever for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medicines, and symptoms have resolved or improved.***
- ***For people with “severe” COVID-19 illness – those who have been hospitalized in an intensive care unit with or without mechanical ventilation – or people with severe immunosuppression², the infectious period extends 20 days after the***

