

Novel Coronavirus Case Definition Updated by Ministry of Health

New case definition effective February 7, 2020

On February 7, 2020, Ontario's Ministry of Health updated the case definition for novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

2019-nCoV case definition, as of February 7, 2020:

The case definition now includes a person with: fever AND/OR onset of cough OR difficulty breathing **AND** any of the following:

- Travel to **mainland China (expanded from Hubei province)** in the 14 days before onset of illness **OR**
- Close contact with a confirmed or probable case of 2019-nCoV **OR**
- Close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who has been to **mainland China (expanded from Hubei province)** within 14 days prior to their illness onset

If you suspect a case of 2019-nCoV in your practice, call public health immediately at **1-877-464-9675 ext. 73588** Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or **905-953-6478** after hours (before 8:30 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and 24 hours per day on weekends/holidays).

Visit york.ca/healthprofessionals for the latest information, including a link to the updated 2019-nCoV case definition (persons under investigation and probable).

Health professionals are encouraged to refer to york.ca/healthprofessionals and the Ministry's health care provider page (health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/2019_guidance.aspx) often to ensure they are using the latest details and guidance in their practice.

Visit york.ca/coronavirus for credible 2019-nCoV information for the general public including the Ministry's latest recommendations for returning travelers from Hubei province and mainland China.

