



KDOC Response to COVID-19

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Glossary of Common COVID-19 Terms

Antibody (serology) Tests (for COVID-19): An antibody test tells you if you had a previous infection.

Asymptomatic: a disease is considered asymptomatic if a patient is a carrier for a disease or infection, such as COVID-19, but experiences no symptoms.

Cohorting: grouping residents for purposes of keeping them within smaller numbers, scheduled together for essential services, a form of isolation in the event of an exposure we limit our overall exposure to that small group versus large numbers. These are not specifically COVID-19 confirmed.

Community transmission of COVID-19: Community transmission of COVID-19 occurs when individuals acquire the disease through contact with someone in their local community, rather than through travel to an affected location.

Confirmed vs. Suspected COVID-19 case: A confirmed case has received a positive result from a COVID-19 laboratory test, with or without symptoms. A suspected case shows symptoms of COVID-19 but either has not been tested or is awaiting test results. If test results are positive, a suspected case becomes a confirmed case.

Contact or Back tracing: Contact tracing occurs when officials and medical experts work to find the identities of people who may have been in contact with someone who was ill—and therefore may become sick.

Isolation: separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

Quarantine: separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.

Viral Tests (for COVID-19): A viral test tells you if you have a current infection.

