

Reporting of probable COVID-19 cases

Report probable COVID-19 cases to Public Health if: inconclusive test results, suspected false negative, or cannot be tested.

Public Health wants to know about **probable cases of COVID-19, who will not be detected through routine laboratory reporting of positive cases**, as defined below.

If clinical suspicion is sufficiently high, Public Health will follow up with these cases the same way as confirmed cases (i.e., contact tracing). If the [formal case definition](#) is met, they will be included in epidemiological reporting.

Physicians and nurse practitioners are asked to report to Public Health any **probable case of COVID-19**, when **ALL** of the following criteria being met:

1. **Fever or cough**

AND

2. **Clear COVID-19 exposure history** within the 14 days prior to symptom onset, for example:

- Close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, or
- Lived or worked in a facility with a confirmed COVID-19 outbreak, or
- Travelled outside Canada to an area with high levels of COVID-19 transmission;

AND

3. **Laboratory testing is inconclusive:**

- Result is indeterminate, or
- Result is negative, but there is a strong clinical suspicion that it is a false negative, or
- Testing has not been done and is not expected to be done.

To report probable COVID-19 cases to Public Health, call the NH Communicable Disease Hub at **250-565-2990**.

Alternatively, Community MOIS users can send a task titled “Probable COVID-19 report”, containing the relevant clinical encounter, to **(RN) Lanenga, Karien**.

