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COVID 19 CONTACT TRACING

Definition

Contact tracing in context of COVID 19 is process of identifying, assessing and managing people who have been exposed to a disease to prevent onward transmission.

DEFINITION CONT.....

- COVID19 case (s)
- Follow up is done daily for 14 days from the last point of exposure (WHO,2020)
- Contact tracing is community engagement by trained contact tracers, supervisors, logistic support to teams to collate, compile and analyse data in real time.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

ISOLATION	QUARANTINE
Tested positive for covid- 19 or you have mid symptoms and likely to have covid-19	Have been in close contact with someone who is confirmed covid-19 positive ,you don't have symptoms and have not tested positive
Avoid contact with other people for 14 days if asymptomatic, 14 days after symptoms started and you have mild diseases	Avoid contact with other people for 14 days after exposure to a person with covid 19 disease

DIFFERENCES CONT....

You need to do re test to confirm a negative to de-isolate If you develop symptoms you are considered COVID19 you need to be tested and isolate for 14 days from start of your symptoms

What is a close contact

- Family members
- Relatives living with the case
- Work mate
- Any other person the client feels they had been in close contact
- Age/gender/Residence
- Whether tested or not

Nutrition and covid 19

According to nutrition guidelines by ministry of health food is important in covid 19 patients

Patients with fever require food rich in energy

Those with cough should feed on pineapples and honey

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Those with sore throat should take a lot of turmeric, ginger and honey to relieve the pain

Patients should reduce intake of sugar, sweets and soft drinks

VITAMIN D

Patients require vitamin D to improve their immune system and for muscle, pain, fatigue and depression

Research links vitamin D to sleep quality

ZINC

- > zinc is necessary for healing wounds.
- It is safe when taken orally 40mg daily. Higher doses mighty decrease copper absorption which may lead to anaemia.
- It activates T Lymphocytes responsible for attacking infected cells.
- Regulates neurons enhancing learning and memory
- Food containing zinc are beans, meat, nuts, fish and grain cereals.

VITAMIN C

- > Stimulates collagen formation and tissue repair
- Readily absorbed from citrus fruits, tomatoes, potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, spinach and leafy vegetables.

Drink warm lemon water or use 53mg per 100g of juice which has other copper nutrients fructose, fibre, potassium, calcium, iron, vitamin B1,B2,B6.65-90MG Daily, mega doses may cause diarrhea.

Role of community health nurse in covid 19 (home based care)

As a health educator

Provide accurate information about covid 19 infection and risk

Encourage /reassure, let them relax and talk about their experience and feelings to loved ones and friends

If you are positive and have symptoms or asymptomatic stay at home for 14 days

Have family members on hand to help you with shopping

- Keep connected to people you care about by phone and video calls
- Do not go to work
- Do not use public transport
- Do not go to public places
- Do not attend religious gatherings
- Do not leave home unless you need medical care

- If you have covid 19, how should you isolate
- Separate yourself from other people in your home.family should not stay or sleep in same room as you
- If possible use separate bathroom and if you share clean after every use
- Avoid sharing items and same spaces with other people and clean surfaces often

- > Stay at least 1.5m(3 steps)away from other people in the house
- Wear face mask to help prevent spread of disease to others
- Cough or sneeze into the fold of your elbow
- Clean your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or with alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains 60-95% alcohol

Case manager

Evacuating clients from their homes to isolation and contacts to quarantine centres

linking clients to centres of retesting after the 14th day

Counseler

- Disruption of family, change of rooms, bathrooms etc, not going to work
- Encourage clients to discuss with family members, friends or workmate
- Psychological support-pre and post test of covid 19
- Fear/anxiety

Occupational health nurse

Enhance infection prevention and control measures i.e throwing used masks and gloves and contaminating other surfaces

collaborator

- Links with stakeholders in mobilizing resources for the needy families
- Working closely with security leaders

Challenges

- Bread winners stay at home
- Home based care in the informal settlement is tricky
- Majority of people use public transport
- Don't observe MoH measures
- Some people are still in denial

Reducing stigma

- Do not attach covid 19 to a tribe, political group, age, race, socio economic status
- People affected with covid 19 have not done anything wrong and deserve our support and kindness
- Don't refer to persons diagnosed with covid 19 as covid 19 people, victims, families or cases

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- Welcome those who have recovered to community without discrimination
- Promote positive messages of hope on covid 19 prevention, treatment and recovery
- Being positive, empathetic, avoid spreading misinformation and myths
- Promote respect and dignity

Impact of stigma

Cause fear and hinder people from adhering to prevention and control measures

Drive people to hide the illness and fail to seek health care services to avoid stigmatization

Impact of stigma cont...

Psychological distress

Promotes social isolation and hinder behavior change

 Violates peoples human rights and fundamental freedoms

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