Annex 4. Contact tracing: Standard definition of Ebola or Marburg contacts

**Ebola or Marburg case contacts:**
Any person having had contact with Ebola or Marburg virus disease in the 21 days preceding the onset of symptoms in at least one of the following ways:
- has slept in the same household with a case
- has had direct physical contact with the case (alive or dead) during the illness
- has had direct physical contact with the (dead) case at the funeral
- has touched his/her blood or body fluids during the illness
- has touched his/her clothes or linens
- has been breastfed by the patient (baby)

**Contacts of dead or sick animals:**
Any person having had contact with a sick or dead animal in the 21 days preceding the onset of symptoms in at least one of the following ways:
- has had direct physical contact with the animal
- has had direct contact with the animal’s blood or body fluids
- has carved up the animal
- has eaten raw bush-meat

**Laboratory contacts:**
Any person having worked in a laboratory in the 21 days preceding the onset of symptoms in at least one of the following ways:
- has had direct contact with specimens collected from suspected Ebola or Marburg patients
- has had direct contact with specimens collected from suspected Ebola or Marburg animal cases

Important note: During an epidemic, these definitions may be changed to correspond to the local event.

Other infection risk factors include: contact with a hospital where Ebola or Marburg cases are being treated; infection; or vaccination in the 21 days preceding the onset of symptoms.