

COVID-19 Contact Tracing Education

Listed below are a number of free courses related to contact tracing.

<p><u>Public Health Agency of Canada and Health Canada</u> (Canadian based course)</p> <p><u>Registration:</u> To register for any of these courses as part of the Contract Tracing Learning Path, visit https://training-formation.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ and click on “Health Emergency Management”</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Contact Tracing This introductory course looks at the who, what, when, why, and how of contact tracing. This course is intended for public health volunteers and professionals who will support contact tracing activities and who have no previous training in contact tracing. Estimated time to complete: 60-90 minutes 2. Introduction to Case Interviewing This course provides a general introduction to interviewing best practices and aims to leave participants comfortable with conducting public health interviews. Estimated time to complete: 60-90 minutes 3. Introduction to Public Health in Canada This module provides an overview of public health in Canada, including key roles and functions, history, scope, and jurisdictional considerations. The course may be used to provide public health context for training on other topics. Estimated time to complete: 40 minutes
<p><u>Australia National University and the Public Health Agency of Canada</u> (Australian based course)</p> <p><u>Registration:</u> This eLearning series is hosted on the GOARN Training Platform, which you can access by clicking the link below. https://extranet.who.int/goarn/training-catalogue</p>	<p>Module 1: Introduction to Contact Tracing: This module provides a high level overview of what contact tracing is, when it is an appropriate tool to help control an infectious disease outbreak, and how to plan for and implement a contact tracing protocol. Serving as a refresher on how contact tracing can help reduce disease transmission, this module is relevant for both novice and experienced contact tracers.</p> <p>Module 2: Social Determinants, Culture and Contact Tracing: This module provides a general introduction to the importance of recognising social determinants and culture in the design and implementation of contact tracing activities. This module aims to build awareness and enable the participant to apply learnings to real-world contexts through working examples from a variety of infectious diseases where contact tracing is a core public health intervention to mitigate transmission. This module is relevant for both novice and experienced contact tracers</p> <p>Module 3: Mental Health and Well-being for Contact Tracers: This module provides a general overview of the mental health and psychosocial impacts of contact tracing for individuals being treated for an infectious disease and individuals who have been exposed to an infectious disease, as well as the public health professionals (or trained volunteers) who perform case investigations, notify contacts of exposure or follow-up with contacts in the context of a public health intervention. The module builds awareness of the mental health and well-being aspects of contact tracing that should be considered during contact tracing activities and provides practical tools and solutions to keep mental health and well-being at the forefront.</p>
<p><u>Johns Hopkins University: COVID-19 Contact Tracing Course</u> (USA based course)</p> <p><u>Registration:</u> Course information and registration can be found at: https://www.coursera.org/learn/covid-19-contact-tracing</p>	<p>In this introductory course, students will learn about the science of SARS-CoV-2 , including the infectious period, the clinical presentation of COVID-19, and the evidence for how SARS-CoV-2 is transmitted from person-to-person and why contact tracing can be such an effective public health intervention. Students will learn about how contact tracing is done, including how to build rapport with cases, identify their contacts, and support both cases and their contacts to stop transmission in their communities. The course will also cover several important ethical considerations around contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine. Finally, the course will identify some of the most common barriers to contact tracing efforts -- along with strategies to overcome them.</p>