

COVID-19 Outbreak Reporting

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Situational Update

COVID-19 activity has been increasing in Sacramento County since mid-July and is expected to increase again during the fall and winter seasons. Please report any COVID-19 outbreaks to Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) according to the criteria below.

Action Requested

Acute Care Hospitals - report COVID-19 outbreaks to SCPH if one or more of the following occurs:

- ≥ 2 cases of probable or confirmed COVID-19 in a patient 4 or more days after admission for a non-COVID condition, with epi-linkage¹.
- ≥ 3 cases of suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 in healthcare personnel (HCP) with epi-linkage² AND no other more likely sources of exposure for at least 2 of the cases.

Long Term Care Facilities - report COVID-19 outbreaks to SCPH if one or more of the following occurs:

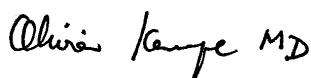
- ≥ 1 probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in a resident.
- ≥ 3 suspect, probable, or confirmed COVID-19 cases in HCP with epi-linkage AND no other more likely sources of exposure for at least 1 of the cases.

Outpatient Settings (e.g. Ambulatory Specialty, Emergency Department, Urgent, or Primary Care) – report COVID-19 cases to SCPH electronically via [CalREDIE Provider Portal](#) or via secure fax at (916) 874-9709. **Outbreaks do not need to be reported from these facilities.**

¹Epi-linkage among patients is defined as overlap on the same unit or ward, or other patient care location (e.g., radiology suite), or having the potential to have been cared for by common HCP within a 7-day period of each other. Determining epi-linkages may include weighing whether patients had a common source of exposure.

²Epi-linkage among HCP is defined as having the potential for close contact while working in the facility during the 7 days prior to the onset of symptoms; for example, worked on the same unit during the same shift, and no more likely sources of exposure identified outside the facility. Determining epi-linkages may include weighing whether transmission took place in the facility, accounting for likely sources of exposure outside the facility.

Sincerely,



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