



COVID-19 Outbreak Definitions

Setting	Outbreak Definition ^{1,2}
<p>Congregate living settings</p> <p>(Long-term care facilities, assisted living facilities, correctional facilities, group homes, hospices)</p>	<p>One or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a resident or staff member.</p>
<p>Acute care facility</p>	<p>Confirmed COVID-19 case in a patient who has been admitted for >14 days; OR</p> <p>Two or more confirmed COVID-19 cases in patients and/or staff members on the same unit within 14 days.</p>
<p>Outpatient setting</p>	<p>Three or more confirmed COVID-19 cases among staff members within 14 days.</p>
<p>Dialysis facility</p>	<p>Three or more confirmed COVID-19 cases among patients or staff at a dialysis facility (regardless of shift), who are not already known to be associated with a congregate living setting outbreak, within 14 days.</p>
<p>Child care program</p>	<p><u>Family child care homes:</u></p> <p>One person (i.e., provider, provider’s household member or child in care) with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 with at least one additional person meeting one of the following criteria within 14 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 • Onset of signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 <p><u>Child care center:</u></p> <p>One person (i.e., staff or child) with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 with at least one (in the same classroom) or two (in the center) additional people meeting one of the following criteria within 14 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 • Onset of signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19

<p>School (K-12)</p> <p>(Includes youth camps and youth sports teams)</p>	<p><u>Classroom/cohort:</u> Two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases among students/teachers/staff within a 14-day period, and who are epidemiologically linked, but not household contacts.</p> <p><u>School-wide:</u> Three or more classrooms or cohorts with cases from separate households that meet the classroom/cohort outbreak definition that occurs within 14 days; OR 5% or more unrelated students/teachers/staff have confirmed COVID-19 within a 14 day period [minimum of 10 unrelated students/teachers/staff].</p>
<p>Institutes of higher education</p> <p>(Colleges, universities, trade schools, etc.)</p>	<p><u>Cohort (e.g., team, dorm):</u> Five³ or more lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases who are epidemiologically-linked (e.g., dorm, sports team, sorority/fraternity), who have symptom onset dates within a 14-day period</p> <p><u>Campus-wide:</u> 10% or more of all COVID-19 tests administered on campus in a 14-day period (e.g., at the health center or during a mass testing event) are positive AND the positivity rate is higher than that of the surrounding community (minimum 10 positive tests)</p>
<p>Congregate community settings</p> <p>(Non-health care, non-residential facilities, including (but not limited to): offices, retail, wholesale, manufacturing, or recreational facilities; faith-based organizations; restaurants and bars)</p>	<p>Five³ or more lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases among people associated with a facility within a 14-day period, and who are epidemiologically linked, but not household contacts.</p>

1. For all outbreak definitions requiring multiple cases over a 14-day period, use date of onset for symptomatic cases or date of collection for asymptomatic cases when determining whether or not an outbreak exists.
2. Generally, individuals who test positive by COVID-19 antigen test are considered cases for outbreak purposes.
3. For these settings, a smaller number of cases might be considered an outbreak in certain situations (e.g., small group/facility, high-risk population).