

COVID-19 Outbreak Decision Making Matrix- Healthcare Settings

Please Note: Setting-specific isolation and quarantine guidance should still be followed.

Setting	What Constitutes an Outbreak in This Setting?	What is the Monitoring Period for the Outbreak (When Can the Outbreak be “Closed”)?	Resources
Long-Term Care/ Skilled Nursing Facilities	1 case of COVID-19	14 days with no new cases identified in the facility	Infection Control: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) CDC
All Other Healthcare Settings (Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, Acute Care Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, Independent Living Facilities)	Transmission within a single unit, units, or the healthcare facility is identified.	14 days with no new cases identified in the facility	Infection Control: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) CDC

COVID-19 Outbreak Decision Making Matrix- Non-Healthcare Settings

Please Note: Setting-specific isolation and quarantine guidance should still be followed.

Setting	What Constitutes an Outbreak in this Setting?	What is the Monitoring Period for the Outbreak (When Can the Outbreak be “Closed”)?	Resources
Correctional/Detention Facilities	A sudden increase in the frequency (# of cases) of COVID-19 above the usual/expected rate. Sustained transmission also occurring within the facility/cohort.	10 days with no new cases identified as part of the outbreak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/correction-detention/guidance-correctional-detention.html
Schools/Daycares/Early Childhood Education Programs	A sudden increase in the frequency (# of cases) of COVID-19 above the usual/expected rate. Sustained transmission also occurring within the facility/cohort.	7 days with no new cases identified as part of the outbreak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html • https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/publichealth/CDEpi/CDCPBResources/DiseaseForms/K-12Resources.pdf • https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/publichealth/CDEpi/CDCPBResources/DiseaseForms/K-12ExposureandIsolationGuidance.pdf
Group Homes, Shelters, etc.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-respond.html
Religious Organizations, Community Events, etc.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html

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