

OUTBREAKS are REQUIRED to be reported

Some respiratory virus infections are found more frequently October through April, but many are also detected year-round.

Most individual respiratory virus cases are not reportable in Iowa. However, **all disease outbreaks are required to be reported** to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS) by Iowa Administrative Code [641] Chapter 1.

WHEN TO REPORT A RESPIRATORY OUTBREAK

■ Influenza

One laboratory-confirmed influenza positive resident along with other residents having respiratory illness symptoms in a unit within a 72 hour period.

■ COVID-19

Three or more COVID-19 positive residents occurring within a 14 day period.

■ Other Respiratory Viruses

One laboratory-confirmed positive resident along with other residents having respiratory illness symptoms in a unit within a 72 hours period.



SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

respiratory infection can include but are not limited to:

- Nasal Congestion
- Sore Throat
- Difficulty Breathing
- Wheezing
- Chest Pain
- Coughing (productive or non-productive)
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Documented Fever

SUBMIT A REPORT

The reporting form is secure so you can report facility and patient information.



To meet this reporting requirement, scan the QR code with a smart device or visit online at redcap.link/gwfulsri

After submitting a report, a public health official will contact you within one business day to offer technical assistance. If you would like technical assistance before the next business day please call the 24/7 hotline (1-800-362-2736).



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

If your facility is experiencing a situation resulting in any severe illness or deaths, **immediately call the 24/7 hotline 1-800-362-2736.**