**Reporting Infectious Diseases**

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**Policy**

The Iowa Department of Public Health establishes a list of reportable infectious diseases. Nursing Homes must comply with reporting infectious diseases that are identified on this list.

**Procedures**

The Iowa Department of Public Health identifies reportable infectious processes on their website located at <https://idph.iowa.gov/CADE/reportable-diseases>.

Outbreaks identified in nursing homes should be reported immediately to the Iowa Department of Public Health that occur in unusual numbers, circumstances, unusual syndromes, and uncommon diseases. Outbreaks may be infectious, environmental, or occupational in origin and include food-borne outbreaks.

Bioterrorism reported diseases, syndromes, poisonings, and conditions of any kind suspected or caused by a biological, chemical, or radiological agent or toxin where there is reasonable suspicion that the disease, syndrome, poisoning or condition may be the result of a deliberate act such as terrorism, should be reported immediately to the Iowa Department of Public Health. Examples including anthrax, mustard gas, sarin gas, ricin, tularemia, and smallpox.

Reportable Diseases should be reported to the Iowa Department of Public Health within the time frame identified on the chart on their [website](https://idph.iowa.gov/CADE/reportable-diseases) and by the method indicated by the disease on the chart.

SARS-CoV-2 (also known as COVID-19) is not indicated on the chart as a reportable condition; however, nursing homes must report any point of care tests completed in the facility via RedCap or NHSN to the Iowa Department of Public Health. If the nursing home has an outbreak (identified by IDPH as 3 or more residents testing positive for COVID-19 in a 14-day time period) IDPH requests that a RedCap survey be completed with information surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak. The RedCap survey can be found [here](https://redcap.link/ltc.covid.report).

In addition, nursing homes must follow the policy and procedures for outbreak management, COVID-19 outbreaks and are encouraged to utilize the Checklist for LTC Facilities Experiencing a COVID-19 Outbreak from IDPH.

**Resources**

IDPH. *CADE - Reportable Communicable Diseases and Infectious Conditions*. Accessed July 7, 2021. https://idph.iowa.gov/CADE/reportable-diseases

CMS. (2017, Nov. 2). *State Operations Manual, Appendix PP – Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities, F880*. <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/GuidanceforLawsAndRegulations/Downloads/Appendix-PP-State-Operations-Manual.pdf>