



# Why report an outbreak?

Per the Oregon Health Authority, an outbreak is defined as more cases than expected for a given population and time period. If there are two or more persons showing symptoms of gastrointestinal illness, respiratory (influenza) or other communicable disease within a short period of time, it must be reported to the local health department.

## Reporting benefits your residents

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- ◇ Helps to assure compliance with medical therapy
- ◇ Provides health education and resources to residents, staff, families and visitors

## Reporting benefits your facility

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- ◇ Helps to assure compliance with policies regarding residents
- ◇ Supports public health and resources for the facility
- ◇ Helps to prevent transmission within your facility
- ◇ Prevents the spread of disease through case investigation



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