

How to Report an Outbreak

*In addition to the requirement for individual case reports, any unusual or group expression of illness which may be of public health concern, should be reported to the local health authorities by the most expeditious means, **whether the illness is included or not in the [list of diseases officially reportable](#) in the particular locality and whether it is a well-known identifiable disease or an undefined or unknown clinical entity.***

If you notice an unusual number of persons becoming ill with the same symptoms or illness (whether or not they seem to be related in other ways), we encourage you to report this possible outbreak to our office.

Please notify the [Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section](#) at (504) 568-8313, the department's on-call line at 800-256-2748, the [Regional Epidemiologist](#), or your local Public Health Unit and the Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program will investigate from there. Any occurrence of a rare or exotic illness should also be reported.

