

COVID-19: Outbreak Definitions

Outbreak Definition	Criteria	Public Health Response	Public Notification
Suspected Outbreak	One confirmed case of COVID-19 in a non-household setting* will prompt a public health investigation.	Local Medical Health Officer will determine if additional public health measures are required to control further spread. A suspected outbreak may require mobilization of additional resources. Local Medical Health Officer will notify the Ministry of Health.	If there is a risk of exposure or transmission to the public, a Public Service Announcement will be issued and posted on sask.ca COVID-19.
Confirmed Outbreak	Two or more people test positive for COVID-19 <u>and</u> are all linked to a specific non-household setting* or event within a specified time period.	Local Medical Health Officer will determine if additional public health measures are required to control further spread. An outbreak may require mobilization of additional resources. Local Medical Health Officer will notify the Ministry of Health.	Will be posted on Sask.ca COVID-19/Latest Updates If there is a risk of exposure or transmission to the public, a Public Service Announcement will be issued and posted on sask.ca COVID-19

* Non-household settings include but are not limited to hospitals, long-term care and integrated facilities, personal care homes, correctional facilities, homeless shelters, group homes, congregate/communal living settings, mass gatherings, events, workplaces, places of worship, daycares, universities, colleges, schools.

Note: There is no national definition for a community outbreak, therefore community outbreaks will not be reported as such. Information will be communicated in a news release or public service announcement if:

- there is a risk of exposure or transmission to the general public or to individuals who cannot be rapidly identified and contacted; and/or
- certain settings are associated with an increased transmission risk to individuals who frequent these settings.