

Congregate Living COVID-19 Outbreak Checklist

Congregate living settings are particularly vulnerable to rapid spread of COVID-19. One case that is acquired in a congregate living setting is defined as an outbreak. If your facility discovers that either a staff member or resident is diagnosed with COVID-19, it is critical to take the following steps:

- Notify the following people:
 - Family and guardians
 - Staff and residents that there is an active case (without violating HIPAA)
 - Case managers and/or funders as required
- Isolate the individual diagnosed with COVID-19. See the [CDC guidelines](#) for isolation.
- Report the case to your [local public health department](#).
- Quarantine and test individuals within your facility according to [current state requirements](#).
- Make sure you are reporting your building's data in REDCap, our [region's surveillance system](#).

Unable to safely Isolate Resident?

- Consider a transfer to a regional [Healthcare Isolation Center](#) using approved [transportation providers](#) who can transport to an HCIC.

Are you sending more than one resident to a hospital?

- [Contact the hospital](#) to give them a warning of patient transfer, and how many patients to expect.

Testing Resources:

- If located in Hamilton County, you can either request on-site strike team testing or access a public testing event through [Test and Protect](#).
- If located in Adams, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Highland, or Warren County, you can either request on-site strike team testing or schedule a testing appointment using through [HealthSource of Ohio](#).
- If you located in Butler County, contact the General Health District to arrange testing help call 513-863-1770 8-4 M-F or 1-877-774-4636 after hours.

Staffing Capacity Problems?

- If you have insufficient staffing resources to safely care for residents, [contact the Bridge Team](#).

When can the resident be safely removed from COVID 19 isolation?

- [CDC Guidance](#) on discontinuation of transmission-based precautions.