

# Reporting Respiratory Outbreaks

## Reporting Guidance

As of March 2024, Texas no longer requires reporting of most individual COVID-19 cases.

**There are some situations in which COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses are reportable. They include outbreaks or an unusual group expression of the disease.**

With the evolving landscape of respiratory surveillance, DSHS recommends the following prioritization to focus resources on areas of highest impact:



### Priority 1

Reported COVID-19-associated outbreak(s) and other respiratory illnesses in any population or facility. Includes nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, day cares, correctional facilities, schools, camps, and mass gatherings.



### Priority 2

Unusual group expression of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses that may be of public health concern per Texas Administrative Code Rule 97.3 should be reported as soon as possible.



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