

COVID-19

A Province-wide declaration of emergency is in effect. Stay home except for essential reasons such as groceries, medicine, health care, exercise, child care and work, if you can't do it remotely. Get the latest health updates and details on service changes at [toronto.ca/covid19](https://www.toronto.ca/covid19)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/>).

Active Outbreaks in Toronto Healthcare Institutions

Updated data are published on Thursday each week, and can be accessed via the City's Open Data portal (<https://open.toronto.ca/dataset/outbreaks-in-toronto-healthcare-institutions/>).

Responsibilities of Healthcare Institutions

Under the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) [ⓘ](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90h07_e.htm) (http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90h07_e.htm), healthcare institutions (e.g., hospitals, long-term care homes, and retirement homes) are required to monitor staff and patients/residents for signs and symptoms of gastroenteric (e.g., nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever) and respiratory (e.g., cough, runny nose, sore throat, fever) infections. Healthcare institutions must also actively look for, detect and report suspected and/or confirmed outbreaks to their local public health unit.

Toronto Public Health's Mandate

Under the HPPA, Toronto Public Health is required to respond to reports of suspected and confirmed outbreaks of gastroenteric and respiratory illness. Toronto Public Health works with healthcare institutions to prevent and control institutional outbreaks, including the use of best practices in infection prevention and control.

Information for Visitors to Healthcare Institutions

- Don't visit if you are not feeling well.
- Clean your hands frequently.
- Get your influenza immunization each year.

- If you visit an institution which is experiencing an outbreak, follow all instructions provided by the institution.
- If you have questions regarding a current or recent outbreak at a specific institution, please call the institution directly.

Contact Us to Order or Interpret Reports

If you require assistance in interpreting the information contained in these reports, please contact the Communicable Disease Surveillance Unit by phone 416-392-7411 or email cdsu@toronto.ca (<mailto:cdsu@toronto.ca>) during business hours Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Contact Information

Communicable Disease Surveillance Unit

To Request reports and technical notes or if you need assistance in interpreting the information contained in these reports.

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Related Information

List of Reportable Diseases (<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/information-for-healthcare-professionals/communicable-disease-info-for-health-professionals/report-a-communicable-disease/list-of-reportable-diseases/>)

Communicable Disease Surveillance Reports (<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-inspections-monitoring/communicable-disease-surveillance-reports/>)