

The Bureaus of Epidemiology and Facility Licensure and Certification are notifying you of modifications to the reporting process for skilled nursing facilities with **ongoing** outbreaks of COVID-19.

**NOTE:** Facilities located in counties or municipalities with independent health departments should continue to report in the manner outlined by the local health department.

Facilities are not required to call 1-877-PA-HEALTH or email PA Department of Health staff with each new case of COVID identified in staff and residents. Bureau of Epidemiology staff may request line lists or updates about the status of an outbreak during specific situations.

Facilities should continue to follow all other reporting mandates, including reporting to ERS, CMS, NHSN, or PA-NEDSS. **These requirements have not changed.**

Facilities should continue to call 1-877-PA-HEALTH in the following circumstances:

- New outbreak identified in the building
  - New outbreak defined as detection of one of the following when it has been >14 since detection of the most recent case of COVID in a healthcare professional (HCP) or resident (see definitions in HAN 627):
    - New nursing home-onset of COVID-19 in a resident; or

New onset of COVID-19 in an HCP who was working in the facility while infectious.

- Questions or concerns about outbreak, case(s) in their building, HAN interpretations, other guidance, or assistances (e.g., testing, PPE)