

COVID-19 Q & A

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Q1. How should Departments report outbreaks that are occurring in their workplace?

A1. If a Department has 3 or more COVID cases within 14 days, among employees that work at a given worksite, the Department must report the cases to LA County Department of Public Health using this new portal: redcap.link/covidreport (it turns into <https://dphredcap.ph.lacounty.gov/surveys/?s=RERMHDTWAR> after typing). If there are fewer than 3 cases, the report will trigger an inspection by Environmental Health. If there are 10 or more cases, it will trigger an outbreak investigation by Public Health's Outbreak Management Branch. Contact the Public Health's Liaison Unit for assistance on how to initially handle outbreaks at 877-777-5799, LiaisonCOVID19@ph.lacounty.gov.

Q2. Should Departments include teleworkers as one of the cases of the outbreak at a worksite?

A2. No - if the worker does not appear in person at the worksite (two days prior to a COVID positive test result or experiencing symptoms), the employee should not be counted as one of the outbreak cases for the purposes of workplace outbreak reporting.

Q3. Should Departments include an employee as one of the outbreak cases if the employee has contracted the COVID off duty and has not returned to work?

A3. If the employee was at the worksite during the 14 days before they got sick, the case should be counted.