

Communicable Disease Branch Local Health Department Monthly Webinar Key Points – January 14, 2025

The North Carolina Division of Public Health (NC DPH) Communicable Disease Branch will be releasing key points that include information discussed on the monthly Tuesday Local Health Department call. Please use the information below as a summary of the topics presented on the call. As guidance changes, please use the most recent information provided. For questions, contact the NC DPH Communicable Disease Branch 24/7 Epidemiologist on Call at 919-733-3419.

Important Updates

- Available online at <u>NC Communicable Disease Manual Other Diseases of Public Health Significance</u> (ncdhhs.gov)
- New: NCDHHS LHD Monthly Webinar 01-14-2025.pdf

Video recording: https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/1046937272/e6b00cff40

Questions & Answers

- Q. The RIPS coordinators only serve the county they are housed in?
- **A.** RIPS consultants serve multiple counties in their region. All counties in NC may request RIPS services through infectionprevention@dhhs.nc.gov.
- **Q.** Regarding managing Covid outbreaks in LTCF, have you heard any updates about modifying current guidance? Specially regarding outbreak definition given the current CDC respiratory guidance for the general public?
- **A.** https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/COVID-19-OutbreaksandClustersReportingGuidance.pdf RespiratorySurveillance@dhhs.nc.gov

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 3/11/2025