

What's Going Around:

A Communicable Disease Report

Diseases and conditions reported during June 29 - July 12, 2025:

This report is a bi-monthly snapshot of communicable diseases reported in El Paso County, as well as a report of disease trends and local health alerts. El Paso County Public Health's (EPCPH) Communicable Disease Program partners with the medical community and the public to limit and reduce the spread of diseases in our community.

Reportable diseases and conditions:

- 8 Animal Bites 4 pediatrics (with 2 recommended to receive rabies PEP), 4 adults (with 2 recommended to receive rabies PEP)
- 13 Campylobacteriosis 1 pediatric, 12 adults
- 2 Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) 2 adults
- 6 Cyclosporiasis 6 adults
- 2 Giardiasis 2 pediatrics
- 6 Invasive pneumococcal disease 2 pediatrics, 4 adults
- 1 Legionellosis 1 adult
- 1 Measles (rubeola) 1 pediatric
- 1 Nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) Extrapulmonary 1 adult
- 4 Pertussis 2 pediatrics, 2 adults
- 7 Salmonellosis (excluding S. Typhi infection and S. Paratyphi infection) 3 pediatrics, 4 adults
- 2 Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) 2 adults
- 1 Shigellosis 1 adult
- 1 Varicella (Chicken Pox) 1 adult

Additional reports:

• Outbreaks reported: 2 unknown GI outbreaks associated with child care facilities.

For a list of Reportable Disease and Conditions and instructions on how to report, use the following link: <u>Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment – Report a disease</u> or by going directly to <u>https://cdphe.colorado.gov/report-a-disease</u>

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Health News: Outbreak Reporting

- As of July 14, 2025, a total of 168 outbreaks have been reported to and investigated by El Paso County Public Health during 2025: 120 respiratory outbreaks, 41 enteric outbreaks, four vaccinepreventable disease outbreaks, and three outbreaks of other etiology.
 - The majority of reported 2025 outbreaks in EPC were caused by either the influenza virus or norovirus.
- In Colorado, outbreaks are defined either by exceeding a specific number of people with a
 particular disease or as an increase in illness above the expected baseline for the time and
 place in which the outbreak was detected.
- Providers should report known or suspected outbreaks in settings such as health care facilities, child care centers, schools, and workplaces immediately (within four hours of detection) to either El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH) or to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).
- Reporting outbreaks to Public Health is mandated by state law and is not affected by the
 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). HIPAA Rules have a public health
 exemption which allows reporting of confidential and patient-specific data without a patient's
 authorization or consent.
- There are several ways to report an outbreak:

o Phone: 719-578-3220

o Fax a disease report form: 719-575-8955

o Individual health care providers should report cases by phone or fax, and include name of disease or condition, patient(s) name, date of birth, sex, race, ethnicity, home address and phone, physician's name, address and phone, and laboratory information.

Questions? Please Contact:

El Paso County Public Health CD/TB Program
Hours: M-F, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(719) 578-3220; after-hours emergency (719) 235-2278
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
(303) 692-2700; after-hours emergency: (303) 370-9395
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Reportable Diseases and Conditions List