



CORHA Detection and Response Workgroup Charge

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Workgroup purpose:

The Council for Outbreak Response for Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial-Resistant Pathogens (CORHA) Detection and Response Workgroup seeks to identify optimal, standardized approaches to detection, reporting, investigation, and control of outbreaks associated with healthcare delivery.

The workgroup is tasked with conducting the following activities during 2023-2024:

1. **Improve identification and reporting of outbreaks to public health.** The workgroup will:
 - a. Promote standardized approaches and best practices (e.g., automated cluster identification) related to healthcare outbreak detection.
 - b. Determine thresholds for reporting potential outbreaks to public health.
 - c. Support the Policy Workgroup in its efforts to identify regulatory requirements for healthcare outbreak reporting.
2. **Improve investigation and control of outbreaks (i.e., outbreak response).** The workgroup will:
 - a. Contribute to developing and refining CORHA website content to incorporate recommended standards, resources, and training materials to assist with and guide the investigation and control of outbreaks involving specific types or categories of pathogens, with applicability to a variety of healthcare setting types.
 - b. Promote the use of data management systems to facilitate outbreak investigation and tracking, including variables that may be useful in assessing health equity.