

Public Health Alert Action Levels



As the local public health department gathers information from local businesses, health care providers, pharmacies and other sources concerning diseases in or affecting local businesses, an evaluation on the potential impact is made.

According to the level of potential impact a color-coded level will be issued based on the situation.

During an emergency, i.e. if the Alert level is moved to Red, the Health Department will communicate the level to your facility to assist you and your staff on the appropriate responses and cleaning procedures. However, businesses should routinely monitor the website to identify any change in the current Health Alert Action Level.

The Public Health Alert level should not be used to scare people. This process should be used to adjust your operating procedures accordingly to protect the public's health and the health of employees.

There is a shared responsibility between the facility and the local public health department to exchange necessary information. This will enable you and the Health Department to protect the public's health, your business's reputation, and the area's economic future.

A summary of the Color-Coded Levels for the Health Department and for the Facility is as follows:

Level	Public Health Description	Facility Response For Norovirus
Red	Outbreak Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norovirus is most likely being spread around the community • Increase cleaning and disinfecting to protect your facility, employees, and the public
Orange	Above Normal Disease Level in a population that is attending or has direct contact with large gatherings of people at businesses within community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several bodily fluid incidents within short time • Increase cleaning and awareness
Yellow	Single or Low Disease Level in locations that could allow rapid spread	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One bodily fluid incident
Green	Normal Disease Level	Normal standard operating procedures

Please report incidents to your County Health Department:

Taney County Health Department: 334-4544

Stone County Health Department: 357-6134