

Steps of an Outbreak Investigation

North Carolina Communicable Disease Branch



- 1. Identify investigation team and resources**
- 2. Establish the existence of an outbreak**
- 3. Verify the diagnosis**
- 4. Construct a working case definition**
- 5. Case finding: Find cases systematically and develop line list**
- 6. Perform descriptive epidemiology and develop hypotheses**
- 7. Evaluate hypotheses and perform additional studies (as necessary)**
- 8. Implement control measures**
- 9. Communicate findings**
- 10. Maintain surveillance**

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