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Profile of outbreaks in community, funeral, and large workplace in the Mid-West region

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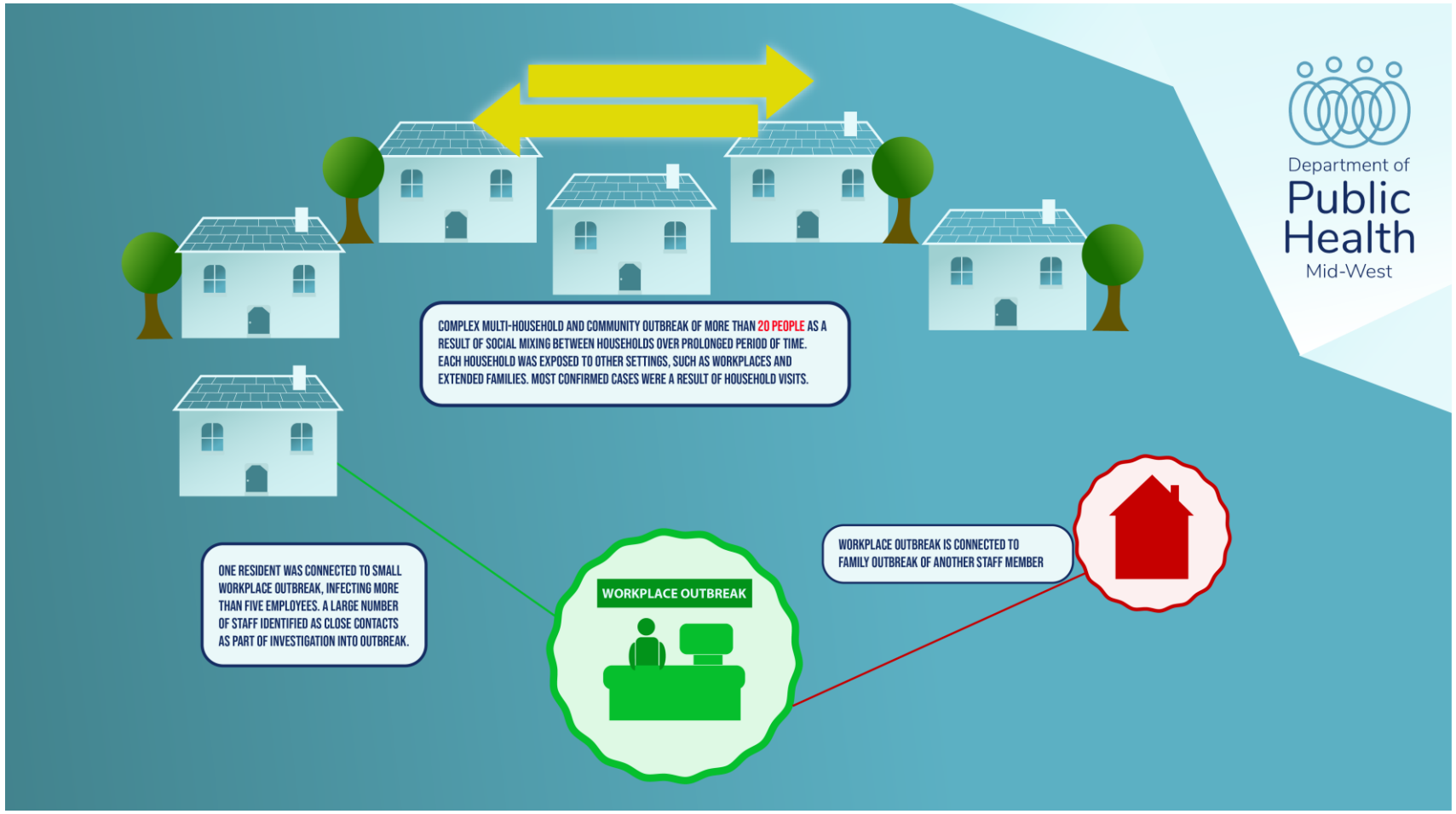
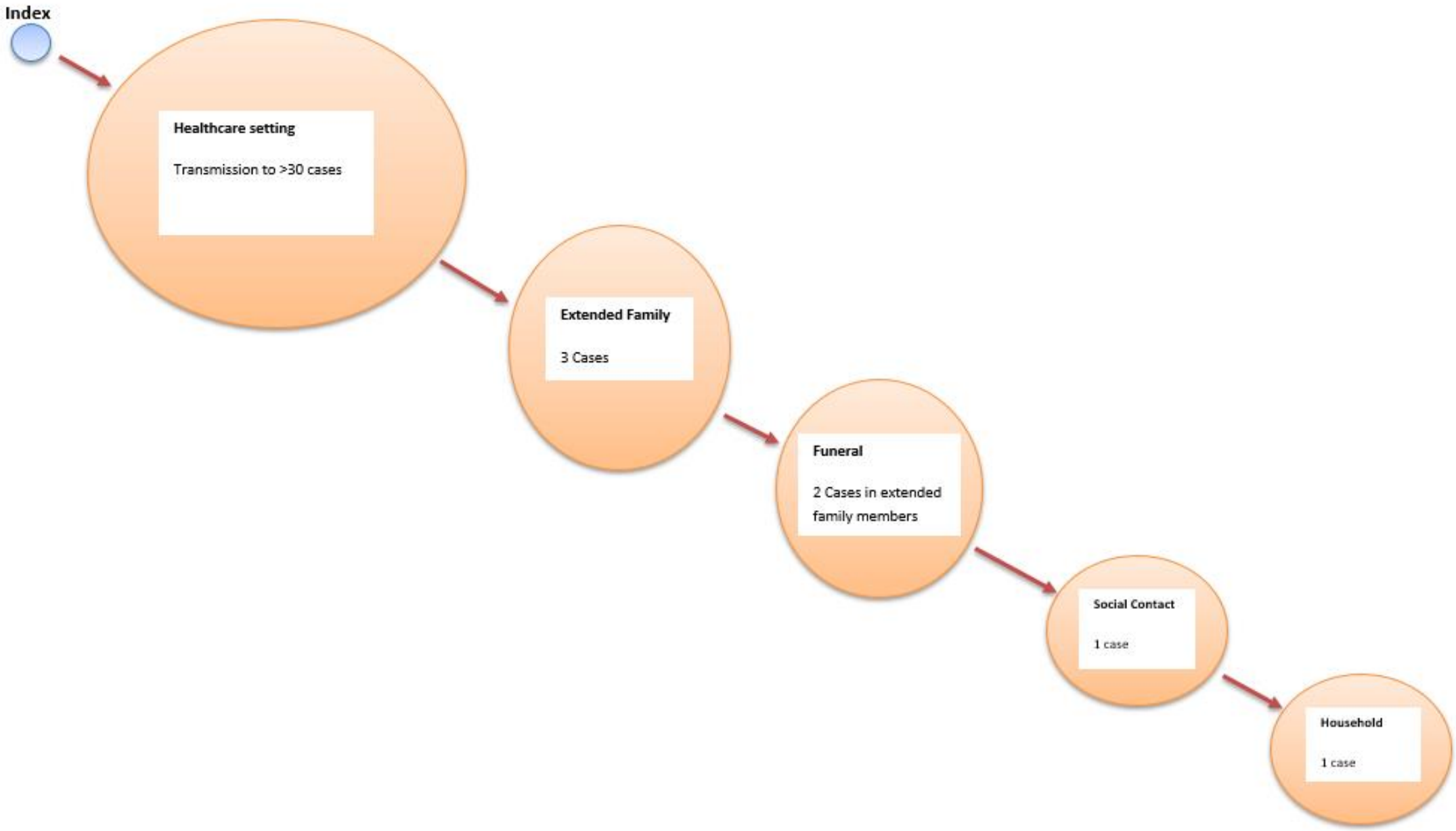
Multi-household community outbreak



- Community outbreak of more than 20 cases due to social mixing among households
- Number of houses had 100% infection rate.
- Vast majority of cases exposed to other settings
- One household connected to workplace outbreak of five cases. One staff member transmitted to household, resulting in family outbreak

Public Health Mid-West Chains of Transmission at Funeral



Large workplace outbreak

- 40+ staff cases in large workplace outbreak
- Significant number of staff not wearing masks
- Many staff working together not social distancing
- Many staff close contacts after they went on smoking breaks together
- Infection spread quickly as some staff moved to different areas, not wearing masks or socially distancing