



# OUTBREAK STATUS REPORT

Middlesex-London Health Unit

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## Active

| Premise                                    | Type of Outbreak | Date Declared | Affected Area(s)     | Date Resolved | Pathogen 1 | Pathogen 2 | Pathogen 3 |
|--|------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Meadow Park Care Centre                    | Respiratory      | Mar 5, 2021   | Pink Unit            |               | COVID-19   |            |            |
| Strathmere Lodge                           | Respiratory      | Mar 4, 2021   | Bear Creek, Sydenham |               | COVID-19   |            |            |
| Dearness Home                              | Respiratory      | Mar 2, 2021   | 4E/4W                |               | COVID-19   |            |            |
| Richmond Woods                             | Respiratory      | Feb 28, 2021  | Facility wide        |               | COVID-19   |            |            |
| Chartwell Royalcliffe Retirement Residence | Respiratory      | Feb 24, 2021  | Facility wide        |               | COVID-19   |            |            |
| Dearness Home                              | Respiratory      | Feb 13, 2021  | 3 East               |               | COVID-19   |            |            |

## Declared Over

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|--|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Peoplecare Oak Crossing                        | Respiratory      | Feb 19, 2021  | Norway Spruce (3rd Floor) | Mar 4, 2021   | COVID-19   |            |            |
| Mount Hope Centre For Long Term Care           | Respiratory      | Feb 11, 2021  | MV2                       | Mar 3, 2021   | COVID-19   |            |            |
| Parkwood Institute Mental Health Care Building | Respiratory      | Feb 12, 2021  | G4                        | Feb 28, 2021  | COVID-19   |            |            |

This information is to be used as a guide and is intended to help you prevent infections and outbreaks in your facility. The decision regarding who can work at a facility rests with that facility, but should take into account the need for adequate staffing levels and the risk of infection from staff working at multiple facilities. For more information please visit <https://www.healthunit.com/outbreak-resources>

### Enteric Outbreaks

- Staff members/volunteers from facilities in outbreak should not work at your facility until at least 48 hours have elapsed since they last worked at the affected facility. This period can be modified if the causative agent is known.
- Staff members/volunteers who are experiencing gastrointestinal illness should not work at any facility until they have been symptom-free for at least 48 hours. Good hand hygiene should be reinforced with returning staff members/volunteers.
- Staff should change to a clean uniform between facilities and before leaving the affected facility.

(Source: **Control of Gastroenteritis Outbreaks in Long-Term Care Homes: A Guide for Long-Term Care Homes and Public Health Unit Staff, 2013**). <https://www.healthunit.com/outbreak-resources>

### *Clostridium difficile* Outbreaks

- Provided that all required infection control practices are in place, staff can work at both affected and unaffected facilities without restrictions.

Residents/patients with suspected or confirmed *Clostridium difficile*-associated diarrhea (CDAD) can be transferred within the health care system; however, the receiving facility must be notified and be able to comply with the recommended infection control precautions. *Clostridium difficile* is suspected in a resident/patient who develops diarrhea and has been in a facility experiencing a *Clostridium difficile* outbreak. Initiate Isolation rapidly and stool samples should be collected. (Source: **Annex C: Testing, Surveillance and Management of Clostridium difficile In All Health Care Settings, January 2013**).

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### Respiratory Outbreaks (non-influenza)

- Staff members/volunteers from facilities in outbreak should not work at your facility until at least 72 hours have elapsed since they last worked at the affected facility. For outbreaks attributable to Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Parainfluenza virus, Human metapneumovirus, and Adenovirus consider lengthening this time period to 5 days.

Staff members/volunteers who are experiencing respiratory symptoms should not work at any facility until 5 days from onset of symptoms or until symptoms have resolved. For outbreaks attributable to RSV, lengthen this time period to 8 days. Good hand hygiene should be reinforced with returning staff members/volunteers. (Source: **A Guide to the Control of Respiratory Infection Outbreak in Long-Term Care Homes, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, November, 2015**). [http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/docs/resp\\_infectn\\_ctrl\\_guide\\_ltc\\_2015\\_en.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/docs/resp_infectn_ctrl_guide_ltc_2015_en.pdf)

### Influenza Outbreaks

- The Health Unit recommends that you ask non-immunized staff/volunteers who are from facilities in outbreak, and who are not on an appropriate antiviral drug, to refrain from working at your facility until it has been at least 72 hours since they last worked at the affected facility.
- Staff members/volunteers who are experiencing respiratory/ influenza symptoms should not work at any facility until 5 days from onset of symptoms or until symptoms have resolved, whichever time period is shorter. Good hand hygiene should be reinforced with returning staff members/volunteers.

(Source: **A Guide to the Control of Respiratory Infection Outbreak in Long-Term Care Homes, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, November, 2015**). [http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/docs/resp\\_infectn\\_ctrl\\_guide\\_ltc\\_2015\\_en.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/docs/resp_infectn_ctrl_guide_ltc_2015_en.pdf)