

# **OUTBREAK STATUS REPORT**

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### Active

Type of Outbreak	Date Declared	Affected Area(s)	Date Resolved	Pathogen 1	Pathogen 2	Pathogen 3
Respiratory	Aug 12, 2022	North Long Hall		RSV		
Respiratory	Aug 12, 2022	U7 Clinical Neurosciences		COVID-19		
Respiratory	Aug 11, 2022	U4 Medicine		COVID-19		
Respiratory	Aug 10, 2022	6th floor		COVID-19		
Respiratory	Aug 9, 2022	1st floor, 3rd floor		COVID-19		
Respiratory	Aug 8, 2022	2nd, 4th & 5th Floor		COVID-19		
Respiratory	Aug 7, 2022	Daisy Unit		COVID-19		
Respiratory	Aug 4, 2022	Juniper, White Pine, Norway Spruce Units		COVID-19		
Respiratory	Aug 3, 2022	2nd Floor		COVID-19		
Respiratory	Aug 1, 2022	Facility wide		COVID-19		
Respiratory	Jul 30, 2022	LTCH - 4th Floor		COVID-19		
Respiratory	Jul 29, 2022	Magnolia		COVID-19		
Respiratory	Jul 28, 2022	Facility-wide		COVID-19		
Respiratory	Jul 21, 2022	Green unit		COVID-19		
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## **Declared Over**

Premise	Type of Outbreak	Date Declared	Affected Area(s)	Date Resolved	Pathogen 1	Pathogen 2	Pathogen 3
Parkwood Institute Mental Health Care Building	Respiratory	Aug 3, 2022	H4	Aug 13, 2022	COVID-19		
LHSC- Victoria Hospital	Respiratory	Jul 25, 2022	C6-100 Geriatric Behavioural Unit	Aug 11, 2022	COVID-19		
Queens Village	Respiratory	Jul 25, 2022	2nd Floor Dementia Unit, 1st and 3rd Floors	Aug 10, 2022	COVID-19		
McCormick Home	Respiratory	Jul 24, 2022	Oak Avenue	Aug 10, 2022	COVID-19		

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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 <u>https://www.healthunit.com/outbreak-resources</u>

#### **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). <u>https://www.healthunit.com/outbreak-resources</u>

#### 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). <a href="https://www.healthunit.com/outbreak-resources">https://www.healthunit.com/outbreak-resources</a>

#### **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\_infect\_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