

Viral Respiratory Outbreak (VRI) in Island Health Long Term Care Affiliate & Private Facility

CD/MHO complete investigation and risk

assessment

OUTBREAK DECLARED

NO

Maintain Enhanced Measures:

Continue to isolate ill residents in their rooms, on DROPLET and CONTACT precautions, with tray service for meals

Influenza:

- Staff may continue to work in the facility including on OB units regardless of vaccine status
- MHO may recommend antiviral prophylaxis for unvaccinated staff in a prolonged outbreak. Staff can access antivirals through their own family doctor. Staff are not to be excluded from work if they decline prophylaxis

Masks:

Per current COVID policy, all health care workers are to wear masks in patient care areas. As policy changes, this algorithm will be updated.

Treatment & Prophylaxis - Residents

Staff

Influenza:

 MHO to determine if antiviral prophylaxis of asymptomatic residents is recommended. Prophylaxis to continue until OB declared over or per MHO direction. Facility should consult with Family Physician(s) for consideration of treatment dose of antivirals for symptomatic/lab confirmed residents.

COVID:

YES

• Residents with symptomatic COVID-19 illness to be assessed by their physician for consideration of evidence-based therapy options.

Additional Precautions

- Pause admissions, unless authorized by MHO or delegate, and inform the CD RN if there are pending admissions from community who are at intolerable risk or pending admissions from acute care.
- Continue to isolate ill residents in their rooms, on DROPLET and CONTACT precautions, with tray service for meals
- Social Visits are paused, but Single Designated Visits and Essential Visits are allowed for each resident. For guidance on management of visitors and definitions of the types of visits visit:
 Ministry of Health Overview of Visitors in Long-Term Care and Senior's Assisted Living
- Limit congregation of residents: suspend communal dining and group activities
- Cohort staff to best ability

Director of Care/Manager/Delegate

- Post outbreak signs and alert visitors to go to the nursing station first
- Send tracking tools to Communicable Disease Program daily

Housekeeping

Enhanced cleaning for all affected rooms, all common areas, and high touch surfaces

Outbreak Declared Over

The CD office in collaboration with MHO will declare the viral respiratory illness outbreak over and inform the facility DOC/Manager