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VRI Outbreak in Island Health

IPAC/MHO complete investigation and risk assessment:

OUTBREAK DECLARED

YES

NO

Maintain **Enhanced Measures** (VRI 2)

Access Outbreak Playbook
- Immediate response actions (Section 3)
- OMS Structure (Section 4b)

Staff
- Influenza: Unimmunized staff are not excluded from working on the unit/facility. Tamiflu prophylaxis may be offered
- Notify OHS/PWHCC if VRI symptoms develop

Treatment & Prophylaxis

Influenza: For patients within a multi bed room:
- Long Term Care: Tamiflu prophylaxis considered for Influenza prophylaxis
- Exposed patients on prophylactic Tamiflu should be evaluated for the need for additional precautions (in consultation with IPAC/MHO)

COVID-19:
- consider evidence-based therapy options for patients with symptomatic COVID-19 illness

Additional Precautions
- Discuss bed closures, admissions, transfers and discharges with OMS
- Patient may go to diagnostic tests wearing a medical-grade mask
- Arrange tray service, cancel communal dining for affected patients

Unit Lead/Designate
- Post additional precautions and outbreak signs
- Alert visitors to outbreak, direct them to the nursing station prior to visiting any patient
- Complete VRI Line List
- Submit updates: ICP (Island Health) or CD Program (Affiliates) each morning

Housekeeping
- Housekeeping participates in OMS, operationalizing actions and maintaining **Precaution Plus*** cleaning for affected rooms and all common areas
- Refer to outbreak cleaning guideline

A Viral Respiratory Outbreak will be declared over:

Island Health Facilities: by IPAC in collaboration with MM

Affiliates: by the CD Program in collaboration with MHO