

Influenza/ILI Restrictions Outbreak Restrictions Imposed: Residential/Congregate Living*

Droplet Precautions = Gowns, gloves and surgical grade masks (120 mmHg) with visors/eye protection are required if working within 2 meters (6 feet) of symptomatic residents

Influenza Outbreak has been confirmed by IPAC & MM or CD Program and MHO

For symptomatic residents continue with DROPLET precautions and arrange for treatment with Tamiflu if confirmed positive.

For exposed residents/unit initiate prophylaxis

Start outbreak Meeting Structure & Actions to follow during Influenza Outbreaks

Precautions/Residents

Continue to confine ill residents to their rooms on DROPLET precautions

Ill residents can go to diagnostic tests wearing surgical masks

Arrange tray service, cancel communal dining for affected residents/units, symptomatic residents should not attend group activities.

Bed Closures

Section/Unit/Facility/ Beds closed to admissions depending upon rooms affected.

Advise:

- OMS Lead (Island Health)
- Residents Access and Flow from the nearest Acute Hospital Site
- Site Director (affiliates)

Admissions and Transfers

- Discuss with IPAC for Island Health facilities
- Discuss with CD Program and MHO for affiliates

Signage

Post Additional Precaution and OUTBREAK

Alert visitors to the outbreak and instruct them to go to the nursing station first

Depending on the length of the outbreak restrictions might increase

Housekeeping

Continue to keep housekeeping informed of the need for **Precaution Plus*** cleaning for affected rooms and all common areas.

* Refer to **Outbreak Cleaning Guidelines**

Daily Reporting

Continue to fill in the Respiratory/ILI Tracking list and ILI Screening Tool

Submit to the site ICP (Island Health)/ CD Program (Affiliates) daily

Prophylaxis

For those residents within a multi bed room/ Section/Unit/Facility affected by Outbreak closures:

- Exposed residents will be on prophylaxis Tamiflu until the outbreak is declared over.
- Exposed residents on prophylactic tamiflu should be evaluated for the need for Precautions (in consultation with IPAC/CD Program).

* **Congregate Living** areas include: Affiliates, Mental Health and Addictions, Acute Rehab & Alternate Level of Care, Units with dining and activity rooms

Please Note: An Influenza outbreak identified in any residential facility will only be declared over by an ICP in consultation with the MM for Island Health facilities or the CD Program in consultation with the MHO for affiliates . Outbreaks will be declared over either:

- 8 days from the start of the symptoms in the last patient.
- 4 days after the start of symptoms in a staff member.
- This time can be extended but not shortened by the IPAC team or CD program.