

		 Symptomatic staff are excluded from work until symptoms resolved for at least 48 hours. Management and restriction of staff between the restricted unit and other units. Cohort staff to best ability. Note: Staff that must work on the restricted unit and the other units should try to start their rounds on non-outbreak units as much as possible.
CD EHO/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	YES	Unit Lead/Designate • Call the CD EHO to report the outbreak and acquire an outbreak identification name. (Victoria 250.519.3401, Nanaimo 250.755.6215). • Email: HPES.CD@islandhealth.ca • Arrange for the collection of clinical specimens (minimum 3). • Isolate resident and staff cases until they are clear of symptoms for 48 hours. • Encourage enhanced hand washing.
		 Additional Precautions Pause admissions, unless authorized by MHO or delegate, and inform the CD EHO 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. Limit congregation of residents: suspend communal dining and group activities. During an outbreak, visitors and volunteers should be notified that they may be at risk of acquiring infection within the facility. Instructions on how to wear appropriate PPE and how to perform hand hygiene before and after their visit should be provided. Visitors should visit only their own friend/relative in their own room.
		 Director of Care/Manager/Delegate Post outbreak signs and alert visitors to go to the nursing station first. Report on the status of the outbreak to the CD EHO daily by 10 am (Use tracking forms provided by CD EHO). Maintain restrictions until more than 96 hours pass without any new cases and the Outbreak has been declared over by MHO. Housekeeping Enhanced cleaning for all affected rooms, all common areas, and high touch surfaces.
		 Recommend Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide (Sodium hypochlorite is an acceptable alternative on appropriate surfaces).

Outbreak Declared Over The MHO in collaboration with CD EHO office will declare the GI illness outbreak over and inform the facility DOC/Manager.