

# **VRI Enhanced Measures Island Health**

# ≥2 patients with VRI (within 7 days of each other) that are clearly identified as healthcare associated infections

**Notify IPAC/MHO** 

Initiate/Continue

**ENHANCED MEASURES** 

Access Outbreak Playbook (Section 2)

#### Surveillance

- Monitor patients for symptoms.
   Document assessments twice daily
- New cases: notify the ICP/CD Program immediately
- Obtain NP swab for viral testing from each new symptomatic case

#### **Additional Precautions**

- Droplet & contact precautions for patients with symptoms (<u>PCRA</u>)
- Exposed patients: follow current protocol and IPAC/ MHO direction
- Patient admissions, transfers and movement are not restricted

# **Treatment & Prophylaxis**

- Influenza: All Influenza positive and exposed patients should be offered Tamiflu treatment or prophylaxis
- COVID19: All COVID positive patients should be considered for anti viral treatment

BCCDC COVID treatment guidelines

## Housekeeping

- Notify housekeeping of all residents on Additional Precautions
- Precaution Clean in rooms of patients on Additional Precautions: hospital-grade disinfectant used

### **Unit Lead/Designate**

- Staff will self-monitor for VRI symptoms
- They are excluded from work whilst symptomatic

IPAC/MHO complete investigation and risk assessment:

Is an Outbreak Declaration required?

Declare Outbreak (see VRI-3: Outbreak algorithm)

VRI Enhanced Measures continue under supervision of IPAC in collaboration with MM for Island Health Facilities until no longer required

Collaboration between the CD Programme and the MHO will determine next steps for Affiliates