



OUTBREAK STATUS REPORT

Southwestern Public Health

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ACTIVE OUTBREAKS

Premises	Location of Facility	Type of Outbreak	Date Declared	Affected Area(s)	Pathogen 1	Pathogen 2	Comments
Royal Oaks Senior Living	St Thomas	Respiratory	April 12, 2023	3 rd Street	Unknown		
Caressant Care Bonnie Place LTCH	St. Thomas	Enteric	April 12, 2023	Entire Facility	Unknown		
		Respiratory	April 11, 2023	Entire Facility	Human Metapneumovirus		
Seasons Retirement Living	St. Thomas	Enteric	March 13, 2023 (Re-opened April 4, 2023)	Entire Facility (not including Memory Care)	Norovirus		
Woodingford Lodge	Tillsonburg	Respiratory	April 11, 2023	Cedarcrest	COVID-19		

RESOLVED OUTBREAKS

Premises	Location of Facility	Type of Outbreak	Date Declared	Affected Area(s)	Date Resolved	Pathogen 1	Pathogen 2
Terrace Lodge	Aylmer	Respiratory	April 3, 2023	Lower South	April 13, 2023	COVID-19	
Terrace Lodge	Aylmer	Respiratory	March 31, 2023	Upper North	April 11, 2023	COVID-19	
Oxford Manor	Ingersoll	Respiratory	March 7, 2023	Entire Facility	March 24, 2023	COVID-19	Rhinovirus
Terrace Lodge Long Term Care	Alymer	Enteric	March 18, 2023	Upper South	March 23, 2023	Unknown	
Terrace Lodge Long Term Care	Alymer	Respiratory	March 15, 2023	Upper South	March 23, 2023	COVID 19	
Bobier Villa	Dutton	Respiratory	March 9, 2023	Birch Unit	March 20, 2023	COVID-19	
Seasons Retirement Living	St. Thomas	Respiratory	March 9, 2023	Memory Care	March 20, 2023	COVID-19	
Metcalfe Gardens Retirement Home	St. Thomas	Enteric	March 2, 2023	Entire Facility	March 17, 2023	Norovirus	

Beattie Manor	Wardsville	Respiratory	February 27, 2023	Entire Facility	March 14, 2023	RSV	
Chartwell Nursing Home	Aylmer	Enteric	February 24, 2023 February 26, 2023	Tulip Trail Rose Meadow	March 14, 2023 March 17, 2023	Norovirus	

COVID-19 Outbreaks

- Homes must notify the local public health unit of all confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 as soon as possible. An employee of a long-term care provider who performs work in a long-term care home operated or maintained by the long-term care provider shall not also perform work, (a) in another long-term care home operated or maintained by the long-term care provider;(b) as an employee of any other health service provider; or(c) as an employee of a retirement home unless they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless otherwise directed by a medical officer of health.
- Staff with respiratory or enteric symptoms should be tested for COVID-19 regardless of their COVID-19 immunization status. Current COVID-19 information including guidance documents for the health care sector, information on signs and symptoms, testing, etc. can be found on the Ministry of Health's website at http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/2019_guidance.aspx

Enteric Outbreaks

- Staff members/volunteers from facilities with active outbreaks should not work at other facilities until it has been 48 hours since they last worked at the affected facility **and** they are feeling well. This period may be modified if the causative agent is known. (Source: [Recommendations for the Control of Gastroenteritis Outbreaks in Long-Term Care Homes](#), 2018)
- Staff members/volunteers from facilities with active outbreaks who are experiencing symptoms of diarrhea and vomiting should not work at any facility until they have remained symptom free for 48 hours. Once a specific causative agent is known, disease-specific exclusions apply. (Source: [Recommendations for the Control of Gastroenteritis Outbreaks in Long-Term Care Homes](#), 2018)

Respiratory Outbreaks (Excluding Influenza)

- Staff members/volunteers from facilities with active outbreaks should not work at other facilities until it has been 72 hours since they last worked at the affected facility **and** they are not experiencing respiratory symptoms. This period may be modified if the causative agent is known. For example, if the cause of the outbreak is RSV, Parainfluenza, or Human metapneumovirus, consider lengthening this time to 5 days.
- Staff members/volunteers who are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness should not work at any facility for 5 days from the onset of symptoms of a respiratory illness or until symptoms have resolved, whichever is shorter. This period may be modified if the causative agent is known. For example, during metapneumovirus, RSV, parainfluenza outbreaks consider extending exclusion to 8 days from symptom onset or until symptom-free, whichever is shorter.

Influenza Outbreaks

- Unimmunized staff members/volunteers from facilities with active outbreaks who are not receiving prophylactic therapy (e.g. Tamiflu) should not work at any facility until it has been 72 hours since they last worked at the affected facility **and** they are not experiencing respiratory symptoms.
- exclusion needed for well staff members that are immunized and/or taking antivirals. They can continue to work at the affected facility and at other facilities without waiting 72 hours.
- Staff members/volunteers from an affected facility who are experiencing symptoms influenza should not work at any facility for 5 days from the onset of symptoms or until symptoms have resolved, whichever is shorter (Source: [Control of Respiratory Infection Outbreaks in Long-Term Care Homes](#), 2018).