

OUTBREAK STATUS REPORT

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ACTIVE OUTBREAKS

Premise	Type of Outbreak	Date Declared	Affected Area(s)	Pathogen 1	Pathogen 2	Comments
Caressant Care Bonnie Place Nursing Hom	Respiratory	March 2, 2020	Entire facility	RSV		

RESOLVED OUTBREAKS

Premise	Type of Outbreak	Date Declared	Affected Area(s)	Date Resolved	Pathogen 1	Pathogen 2
Extendicare Port Stanley	Respiratory	February 6, 2020	Entire Facility	February 18, 2020	Unknown	
Elgin Manor Nursing Home	Respiratory	January 10, 2020	Orchard & Garden	January 20, 2020	Unknown	
Metcalfe Gardens Retirement Home	Respiratory	January 6, 2020	Entire Facility	January 20, 2020	Influenza A (H1) (Jan 7)	Coronavirus (Jan 15)
Beattie Manor Retirement Home	Respiratory	January 9, 2020	Entire Facility	January 18, 2020	Unknown	

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.
- No 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).