



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
Metcalfe Gardens Retirement Home	St Thomas	Respiratory	January 19, 2023	Entire Facility	RSV		
Extendicare	Port Stanley	Respiratory	January 18, 2023	Entire Facility	Parainfluenza		
Park Place Retirement	Woodstock	Respiratory	January 16, 2023	Entire facility	COVID-19		
Valleyview Home	St Thomas	Respiratory	January 15, 2023 January 21, 2023	CN Crossing Grand Trunk Trail	COVID-19		
SJHC - Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health	St. Thomas	Respiratory	January 13, 2023	Treatment Unit A2	COVID-19		
Caressant Care Nursing Home	Woodstock	Repiratory	January 12, 2023	Entire Facility	COVID-19		
The Maples Home for Seniors - Retirement	Tavistock	Respiratory	January 3, 2023	Entire Facility	COVID-19		
Oxford Manor Retirement	Ingersoll	Enteric	January 2, 2023	Entire facility	Norovirus		
PeopleCare	Tavistock	Respiratory	January 1, 2023	Entire Facility	Rhinovirus	RSV	Pathogen 3: seasonal coronavirus. Pathogen 4: COVID-19
Terrace Lodge Nursing Home	Aylmer	Respiratory	December 28, 2022	Upper & Lower South	RSV	Seasonal Coronavirus	Pathogen 3: Rhinovirus
			January 9, 2023	Lower North	COVID-19		
			January 10, 2023	Upper North	COVID-19		
Chartwell Oxford Gardens	Woodstock	Respiratory	December 20, 2022	Entire Facility	COVID-19		

RESOLVED OUTBREAKS

Premises	Location of Facility	Type of Outbreak	Date Declared	Affected Area(s)	Date Resolved	Pathogen 1	Pathogen 2
Caressant Care Bonnie Place	St. Thomas	Respiratory	January 4, 2023	Entire Facility	January 23, 2023	Parainfluenza	
Woodstock Hospital	Woodstock	Respiratory	January 13, 2023	2200 Medicine	January 20, 2023	COVID-19	
Chartwell Oxford Gardens	Woodstock	Respiratory	January 11, 2023	East Wing	January 20, 2023	Influenza B	
St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital	St. Thomas	Respiratory	January 12, 2023	AMU4	January 19, 2023	COVID-19	
Woodstock Hospital	Woodstock	Respiratory	January 8, 2023	2400 Medical M300 Rehab	January 17, 2023	COVID-19	
Caressant Care Nursing Home	Woodstock	Respiratory	December 22, 2022	Entire Facility	January 13, 2023	RSV	Parainfluenza
Seasons Retirement Community	St. Thomas	Respiratory	January 1, 2023	Memory Care Unit	January 11, 2023	COVID-19	
St Thomas Elgin General Hospital	St Thomas	Respiratory	December 23, 2022	Continuing Care Unit C	January 10, 2023	COVID-19	
The Maples Home for Seniors – nursing home	Tavistock	Respiratory	December 29, 2022	Entire Facility	January 9, 2023	Influenza A	
Valleyview	St. Thomas	Enteric	December 22, 2022	Chesapeak	January 3 rd , 2023	Norovirus	
Woodingford Lodge	Ingersoll	Respiratory	December 15, 2022	Entire Facility	December 31, 2022	COVID-19	
Chartwell Aylmer	Aylmer	Respiratory	December 12, 2022	Rose Meadow	December 28, 2022	Seasonal Coronavirus	
Metcalfe Gardens	St. Thomas	Respiratory	December 13, 2022	Entire facility	December 24, 2022	COVID-19	

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).