



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	Enteric	March 2, 2023	Entire Facility	pending		
Beattie Manor	Wardsville	Respiratory	February 27, 2023	Entire Facility	RSV		
Chartwell Nursing Home	Aylmer	Enteric	February 24, 2023 February 26, 2023	Tulip Trail Entire Facility	Norovirus		
Extendicare	Port Stanley	Respiratory	February 22, 2023	Entire Facility	COVID-19		
Secord Trails Care Community Nursing Home	Ingersoll	Respiratory	February 10, 2023	Entire Facility	COVID-19		

RESOLVED OUTBREAKS

Premises	Location of Facility	Type of Outbreak	Date Declared	Affected Area(s)	Date Resolved	Pathogen 1	Pathogen 2
Caessant Care Bonnie Place Nursing Home	St. Thomas	Respiratory	February 18, 2023	Entire Facility	March 5, 2023	Rhinovirus	Enterovirus
Caessant Care on Mary Bucke	St. Thomas	Respiratory	February 20, 2023	Entire Facility	March 1, 2023	Parainfluenza	
Aylmer Retirement Residence	Aylmer	Respiratory	February 14, 2023	Entire Facility	February 24, 2023	COVID-19	
Woodstock General Hospital	Woodstock	Enteric	February 15, 2023	Medicine Unit 2200	February 20, 2023	Unknown	
Elgin Manor	St. Thomas	Respiratory	January 25, 2023 January 27, 2023	Orchard Grove Garden Grove	February 20, 2023	RSV	
Chartwell Aylmer Nursing Home	Aylmer	Respiratory	February 3, 2023	Rose Meadow	February 18, 2023	Parainfluenza	
Metcalfe Gardens Retirement Home	St Thomas	Respiratory	January 19, 2023	Entire Facility	February 17, 2023	RSV	
Caessant Care Nursing Home	Woodstock	Repiratory	January 12, 2023	B Side	February 14, 2023	COVID-19	

Extendicare	Port Stanley	Respiratory	January 18, 2023	Entire Facility	February 14, 2023	Parainfluenza	
Terrace Lodge Nursing Home	Aylmer	Respiratory	December 28, 2022	Upper South	February 11, 2023	Seasonal Coronavirus	RSV and Rhinovirus
Terrace Lodge Nursing Home	Aylmer	Respiratory	January 10, 2023	Upper North	February 10, 2023	COVID-19	
Tillsonburg Retirement Residence	Tillsonburg	Enteric	January 25, 2023	Entire Facility	February 8, 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](#)).