



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
St Thomas Elgin General Hospital	St Thomas	Respiratory	December 23, 2022	Continuing Care Unit C	COVID-19		
Caressant Care Nursing Home	Woodstock	Respiratory	December 22, 2022	Entire Facility	RSV	Parainfluenza	1 new admission has COVID
Valleyview	St. Thomas	Enteric	December 22, 2022	Chesapeak	Pending		
Chartwell Oxford Gardens	Woodstock	Respiratory	December 20, 2022	West Wing	COVID-19		
Woodingford Lodge	Ingersoll	Respiratory	December 15, 2022	Entire Facility	COVID-19		
Chartwell Aylmer	Aylmer	Respiratory	December 12, 2022	Rose Meadow	Seasonal Coronavirus		

RESOLVED OUTBREAKS

Premises	Location of Facility	Type of Outbreak	Date Declared	Affected Area(s)	Date Resolved	Pathogen 1	Pathogen 2
Beattie Manor	Wardsville	Respiratory	December 14, 2022	Entire Facility	December 22, 2022	COVID-19	
Metcalfe Gardens	St. Thomas	Respiratory	December 13, 2022	Entire facility	December 24, 2022	COVID-19	
Woodingford Lodge	Woodstock	Respiratory	December 9, 2022	Pinecrest	December 23, 2022	COVID-19	
Secord Trails Nursing Home	Ingersoll	Respiratory	November 21, 2022	Entire Facility	December 21, 2022	RSV	

Caessant Care Bonnie Place LTCH	St. Thomas	Respiratory	December 8, 2022	Entire Facility	December 20, 2022	Influenza A	
Bobier Villa	Dutton	Respiratory	Dec 1, 2022	Oak	December 12, 2022	Seasonal Coronavirus	
Terrace Lodge	Aylmer	Enteric	December 5, 2022 December 6, 2022	Lower South & Upper South	December 11, 2022	Unknown	
Harvest Crossing	Tillsonburg	Respiratory	November 14, 2022	Entire facility	December 10, 2022	COVID-19	
Bobier Villa	Dutton	Respiratory	November 30 th , 2022	Birch	December 10 th , 2022	Seasonal Coronavirus	
Bethany Care Home	Norwich	Respiratory	November 28, 2022	Entire facility	December 6, 2022	Influenza A	
Caessant Care Nursing Home	Woodstock	Respiratory	November 18, 2022	Entire facility	December 5, 2022	Unknown	
Park Place Retirement	Woodstock	Respiratory	November 16, 2022	Entire facility	December 1, 2022	Influenza A	
Park Place Retirement	Woodstock	Respiratory	November 16, 2022	Entire facility	November 28, 2022	COVID-19	
Royal Oak Senior Living	St. Thomas	Respiratory	November 8, 2022 November 15, 2022	Transitional Unit 5 th Street	November 24, 2022 December 1, 2022	COVID-19	
Elgin Manor	St. Thomas	Respiratory	November 5, 2022	Orchard Grove	November 23, 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).