



# OUTBREAK STATUS REPORT

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## ACTIVE OUTBREAKS

| Premises                                 | Location of Facility | Date Declared     | Type of Outbreak | Affected Area(s)                          | Pathogen 1 | Pathogen 2 | Comments |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|------------|------------|----------|
| Caressant Care Mary Bucke                | St. Thomas           | December 8, 2021  | Respiratory      | Entire Facility                           | Pending    |            |          |
| Elgin Manor                              | St. Thomas           | December 4, 2021  | Enteric          | Entire Facility                           | Unknown    |            |          |
| Caressant Care Bonnie Place Nursing Home | St. Thomas           | November 29, 2021 | Respiratory      | C & D (Nov 29)<br>Entire Facility (Dec 6) | COVID-19   |            |          |

## RESOLVED OUTBREAKS

| Premises                    | Location of Facility | Date Declared     | Type of Outbreak | Affected Area(s) | Date Resolved | Pathogen 1 | Pathogen 2 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Aylmer Retirement Residence | Aylmer               | November 18, 2021 | Respiratory      | Entire Home      | Dec 2, 2021   | 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](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.
- 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).