

# Influenza-like Illness Outbreak

## Manage an outbreak in Correctional Centres

All staff share the responsibility for keeping residents safe. Complete the following actions when an influenza-like illness outbreak is confirmed. This checklist provides general measures only – always refer to the corresponding section in the [Guide for Outbreak Prevention & Control in Provincial Correctional Centres](#) for detailed recommendations. When applicable, follow site-specific policies.

Infection Prevention Control measures	Guide Section
<input type="checkbox"/> Medically isolate confirmed and symptomatic residents.	4.1
<input type="checkbox"/> Implement IPC recommendations in <a href="#">Figure 1</a> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Place additional precaution signage outside cell / medical isolation space of confirmed and symptomatic residents.</li><li>Wear recommended PPE (including mask/respirators, gloves, gown and eye protection).</li><li>Conduct an <a href="#">Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment (IPCRA)</a> prior to every resident interaction.</li><li>Perform hand hygiene and practice respiratory etiquette.</li></ul>	4.1
<input type="checkbox"/> Use continuous masking and eye protection for the duration of the outbreak.	5.2
Administrative measures	Guide Section
<input type="checkbox"/> Notify appropriate HCW/staff and departments within the unit/range/centre.	5.2
<input type="checkbox"/> Place <a href="#">outbreak signage</a> at the entrance of the unit/range/centre.	5.2
<input type="checkbox"/> Report daily using the online Facility CDC Outbreak Daily Report Portal (and to IPC as per Zone process).	5.2
<input type="checkbox"/> Assign HCW/staff to care for asymptomatic residents before symptomatic residents.	4.2
<input type="checkbox"/> Cohort HWC/staff to work only in affected or only in unaffected areas.	4.2
<input type="checkbox"/> Inform residents of the outbreak.	5.2
<input type="checkbox"/> Alert transport staff and the receiving site to use additional precautions if a symptomatic resident is attending another site for an appointment.	5.6

<b>Resident restrictions</b>	<b>Guide Section</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow resident restrictions on medical isolation and masking. Recommendations vary depending on whether a specific pathogen has been identified.	6.3
<b>Group/social activities and other events</b>	<b>Guide Section</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Allow asymptomatic residents to take part in daily activities.	4.7
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow the AHS Public Health Outbreak Team direction on whether to continue with routine group activities.	5.7
<input type="checkbox"/> Postpone high risk group activities.	5.7
<input type="checkbox"/> Asymptomatic residents from an outbreak unit/range/facility have no restrictions for court appearances	5.3
<b>Nourishment areas / sharing of food</b>	<b>Guide Section</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Deliver meals to confirmed or symptomatic residents in their cells.	5.8
<input type="checkbox"/> Use single serve items and discontinue family style dining if recommended by the AHS Public Health Outbreak Team.	5.8
<b>Visitors</b>	<b>Guide Section</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow any visitor restrictions as recommended by the Public Health Outbreak Team.	4.9
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommend visitors wear a mask while at the centre.	4.9
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommend symptomatic visitors delay visit.	4.9
<input type="checkbox"/> Advise visitors of the importance of hand hygiene.	4.9
<input type="checkbox"/> Advise visitors of the potential risk of exposure to a symptomatic resident and ensure the use of additional PPE.	4.9
<b>HCW/Staff outbreak control measures</b>	<b>Guide Section</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advise HCW/staff to check with their respective WHS/OHS for any work recommendations on attendance and/or restrictions.	4.10
<input type="checkbox"/> Advise HCW/staff to monitor for signs and symptoms of illness and to not attend work if symptomatic.	4.10
<input type="checkbox"/> Advise HCW/staff who develop symptoms at work to put on a mask, inform manager of the illness, and leave the workplace as soon as possible.	4.10

Specimen collection	Guide Section
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow Public Health Outbreak Team specimen collection recommendations for symptomatic residents. Specific direction will be provided on the number and type of specimens to collect.	4.11
<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure proper collection, handling, and labelling (including EI #) on all specimens.	4.11
Enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection	Guide Section
<input type="checkbox"/> Perform cleaning using PPE and recommended cleaning products.	4.12
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow recommendations in <a href="#">Principles for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection</a> .	4.12
<input type="checkbox"/> Use the <a href="#">Cleaning Schedule Log</a> to document the enhanced cleaning.	4.12
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance cleaning and disinfection frequency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean and disinfect low touch surfaces at least once per day and high touch areas at least twice per day.</li> <li>• Immediately clean and disinfect visibly dirty surfaces.</li> </ul>	4.12
<input type="checkbox"/> Use a 'wipe twice' procedure (a 2-step process) to clean and then disinfect surfaces.	4.12
<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a post isolation/additional precaution cleaning and disinfection when the outbreak is closed.	10