

COVID-19 Outbreak

Manage an outbreak in Correctional Centres

All staff share the responsibility for keeping residents safe. Complete the following actions when a COVID-19 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 Figure 1 : <ul style="list-style-type: none">Place Modified Respiratory precaution signage outside cell / medical isolation space of confirmed and symptomatic residents.Wear recommended PPE (including mask/respirators, gloves, gown and eye protection).Conduct an Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment (IPCRA) prior to every resident interaction.Perform hand hygiene and practice respiratory etiquette.	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 outbreak signage 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Implement recommended COVID-19 outpatient treatment as per site policies.	6.2

Resident restrictions	Guide Section
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow medical isolation and masking recommendations for confirmed and symptomatic residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the masking period, residents are recommended to return to their cell whenever the mask needs to be removed (such as for meals and snacks). 	6.3
<input type="checkbox"/> Facilitate essential medical treatment for symptomatic and positive residents in their cell / medical isolation space when possible.	6.7
Restrictions on affected unit/range	Guide Section
<input type="checkbox"/> Implement restrictions for the unit/range/centre as directed by the AHS Public Health Outbreak Team.	6.4
Group/social activities and other events	Guide Section
<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"/> Use outbreak measures such as physical distancing, masking and hand hygiene for low-risk group activities that may continue.	6.7
<input type="checkbox"/> Postpone high risk group activities.	5.7
<input type="checkbox"/> Asymptomatic residents from an outbreak unit/range/centre have no restrictions for court appearances	5.3
Nourishment areas / sharing of food	Guide Section
<input type="checkbox"/> Deliver meals to confirmed or symptomatic residents in their cells.	5.8
Visitors	Guide Section
<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

HCW/Staff outbreak control measures	Guide Section
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> Advise HCW/staff who are a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case to monitor for symptoms for seven days from the last date of contact.	6.10
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
<input type="checkbox"/> Consult with the AHS Public Health Outbreak Team if a resident has previously tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days.	6.11
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 Principles for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection .	4.12
<input type="checkbox"/> Use the Cleaning Schedule Log to document the enhanced cleaning.	4.12
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance cleaning and disinfection frequency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean and disinfect low touch surfaces at least once per day and high touch areas at least twice per day. • Immediately clean and disinfect visibly dirty surfaces. 	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 precautions cleaning and disinfection when the outbreak is closed.	10