

# Influenza Outbreak

## Manage an outbreak in Correctional Centres

All staff share the responsibility for keeping residents safe. Complete the following actions when an influenza 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 protocols.

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 Contact and Droplet 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 medical isolation recommendations for confirmed and symptomatic residents.	8.3
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow site processes for provision of oseltamivir (Tamiflu) treatment for confirmed and symptomatic residents.	8.3
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow site processes for provision of oseltamivir (Tamiflu) prophylaxis to eligible asymptomatic residents regardless of immunization status.	8.3
<b>Restrictions on affected unit/range</b>	<b>Guide Section</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Implement restrictions for the unit/range/centre as directed by the AHS Public Health Outbreak Team.	8.4
<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/ centre 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
<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 monitor for signs and symptoms of illness and to not attend work if symptomatic.	4.10

- Follow the recommendations for management of unimmunized HCW/staff.
  - AHS WHS will provide specific work restriction recommendations for unimmunized AHS HWC/staff during influenza outbreaks. 8.10
  - HCW/staff employed by CSD follow directions provided by CSD Occupation Health & Safety during influenza outbreaks.

- 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

- 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

- Ensure proper collection, handling, and labelling (including EI #) on all specimens. 4.11

### Enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection

### Guide Section

- Perform cleaning using PPE and recommended cleaning products. 4.12

- Follow recommendation in [Principles for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection](#). 4.12

- Use the [Cleaning Schedule Log](#) to document the enhanced cleaning. 4.12

- Enhance cleaning and disinfection frequency.
  - Clean and disinfect low touch surfaces at least once per day and high touch areas at least twice per day. 4.12
  - Immediately clean and disinfect visibly dirty surfaces.

- Use a 'wipe twice' procedure (a 2-step process) to clean and then disinfect surfaces. 4.12

- Conduct a post isolation/additional precautions cleaning and disinfection when the outbreak is closed. 10