

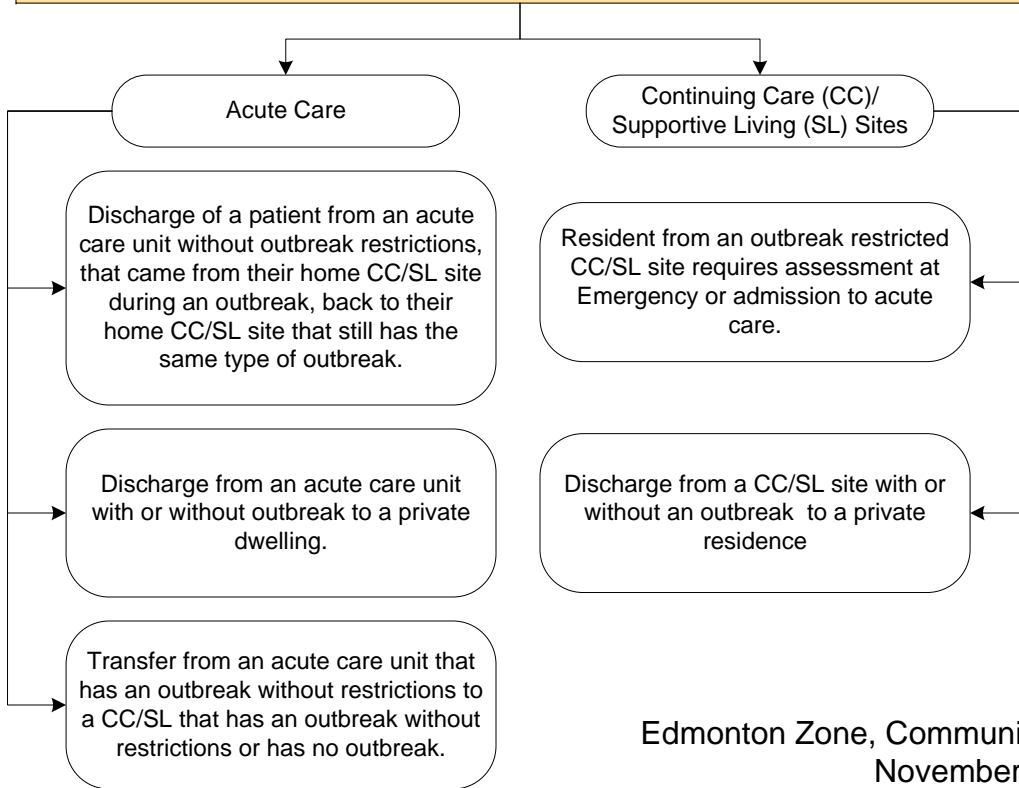
RISK ASSESSMENT FOR ADMISSION/DISCHARGE/TRANSFER DURING OUTBREAKS

Using the CURRENT location of the patient/resident, these guidelines help to assess whether a Risk Assessment is required during outbreak investigations where the Medical Officer of Health has recommended restrictions as one of the control measures as per the province-wide Outbreak Guidelines. The designated Outbreak Management Lead can help provide more information for situation-specific events that fall outside of the categories listed below.

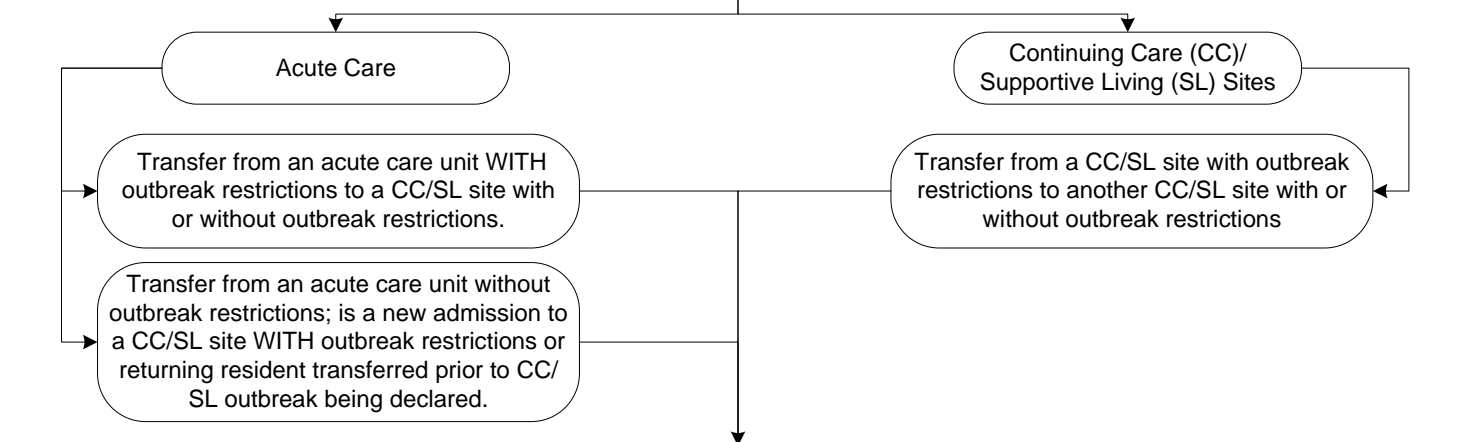
Criteria to be met prior to considering transfer/admission of patients/residents:

- Has the outbreak only been recently declared/are the recommended control measures not completely implemented/are test results pending/is it still within initial incubation period of organism? If Yes, do not transfer.
- Are the number of cases increasing despite control measures being in place? If Yes, do not transfer.
- With the exception of seasonal Influenza/Norovirus outbreaks, does the outbreak organism cause severe clinical outcomes (e.g. iGAS, verotoxigenic E coli)? If Yes, do not transfer.
- Is the resident to be transferred back to CC/SL coming from an outbreak site and symptomatic/infectious? If Yes, do not transfer. Wait until no longer infectious.
- Is the resident to be transferred back to CC/SL coming from a GI outbreak site, but asymptomatic? If Yes, consider no transfer until outbreak over.

Risk Assessment Worksheet NOT required



Risk Assessment Worksheet REQUIRED



COMPLETE Risk Assessment tool PRIOR TO DISCHARGE, as follows:

- **Discharging/Transferring Site** completes Patient/Resident Demographic Information AND Discharging/Transferring Unit/ Site/Facility section.
- **Receiving Unit/Site/Facility** completes Receiving Unit/Site/Facility section (this can be done by phone or fax in collaboration with the discharging site).

When all sections are complete, the discharging site reviews with sending site and attending physician for approval as below.

If:

- Any required action or measure cannot be completed **OR**
- attending physician does not approve transfer, **OR**
- patient/resident or guardian informed consent is not obtained, **OR**
- receiving site is not in agreement of transfer

If:

- All appropriate actions and measures can be completed or maintained, **AND**
- attending physician or MOH has approved transfer, **AND**
- patient/resident or guardian informed consent for transfer is obtained, **AND**
- receiving site is in agreement of transfer

See Escalation Process on Pg. 2

Proceed with transfer



Edmonton Zone – Continuing Care Risk Assessment Worksheet Escalation Process

Risk Assessment Worksheet review has resulted in:

