

Symptoms? What Do I Do to Prevent a Potential Outbreak?

Prevent a Potential Outbreak in Correctional Centres

All staff share the responsibility for keeping residents safe. Start the following early actions when you identify a resident with new symptoms. Implementing these early actions can prevent a potential outbreak. Refer to the identified section of the [Guide for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Correctional Centres](#) for further information.

1. Manage the symptomatic resident	Guide Section
☐ Isolate the symptomatic resident in their cell on appropriate precautions .	3.1/3.3
☐ Assess whether the symptomatic resident meets the Respiratory Surveillance Case Definition in Table A.	2.1
☐ Assess whether the symptomatic resident meets the Gastrointestinal (GI) Illness Outbreak Reporting Definition in Table B.	2.1
☐ Follow site process to arrange for testing of symptomatic resident if required for medical management.	2.1
☐ Post signs (precautions, donning/doffing) outside of the cell of symptomatic resident.	3.1
☐ Arrange for symptomatic resident to receive meal services in their cell.	3.8
☐ Gather appropriate supplies – hand hygiene products, PPE, linen, specimen collection supplies.	3.2
☐ All staff are to wear appropriate PPE (as per the Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment).	3.1
☐ Use strict hand hygiene at all times.	3.1
☐ Follow all IPC measures.	3.1
2. Communicate	Guide Section
☐ Contact manager/supervisor to report symptomatic or positive residents.	2.2

☐ Call the Public Health Outbreak Team to report a potential outbreak, if either the Respiratory Surveillance or the GI Illness Outbreak Reporting Definition is met.	2.1
☐ Monitor for additional symptomatic residents if neither the Respiratory Surveillance nor the GI Illness Outbreak Reporting Definitions is met. A call to Public Health is not required at this time. The “Surveillance Case Tracking Sheet” can be used to assist with ongoing monitoring.	2.1 and Attachment 2.1
☐ Update supervisor/manager on clinical status of symptomatic resident.	2.1
3. Watch for other symptomatic residents	Guide Section
☐ Ensure HCW/staff maintain heightened surveillance for additional newly symptomatic residents. Update manager/supervisor as appropriate.	3.2
☐ Isolate any newly symptomatic residents.	2.1/3.1
4. Manage the symptomatic HCW/staff (if applicable)	Guide Section
☐ Advise HCW/staff to monitor for signs and symptoms of illness and to not attend work if symptomatic.	3.10
☐ Symptomatic AHS HCW/staff are recommended to take an at-home rapid antigen test. See Table D.	3.10
☐ Symptomatic HCW/staff employed by JSG should follow all policies as directed by JSG Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).	3.10

Always be on alert for symptoms. Prevent outbreaks.
