

AHS Guides for Outbreak Prevention and Control & Supporting Materials

Notice of Change - Effective June 07, 2023

Outbreak Guide	Description of Change
Guide for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Long Term Care, Designated Supportive Living, and Hospice Sites	June 07, 2023 - Correction to resident isolation and masking recommendations during an ILI Outbreak in section 7 - Correct link to AMMI Canada for antiviral use during influenza outbreaks
	March 31, 2023 - Healthcare Worker Testing: Symptomatic HCW recommended to take self-administered at-home rapid antigen test only. - Influenza-like Illness Outbreak to replace RIO: RIO outbreak removed from the guide and replaced with Influenza-like illness outbreaks. - Removal of Healthcare Worker from OB definitions: symptomatic HCW will no longer be included to open or extend an outbreak. - Change in resident specimen collection recommendations from all symptomatic residents to only those directed by the Public Health Outbreak Team. Section 11 (Summary of Changes) has been removed. Updates to the guide will be posted separately as a 'Notice of Change'.
Guide for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Non-Designated Supportive Living Sites	March 31, 2023 - Healthcare Worker Testing: Symptomatic HCW recommended to take self-administered at-home rapid antigen test only. - Influenza-like Illness Outbreak to replace RIO: RIO outbreak removed from the guide and replaced with Influenza-like illness outbreaks. - Removal of Healthcare Worker from OB definitions: symptomatic HCW will no longer be included to open or extend an outbreak. - Change in resident specimen collection recommendations from all symptomatic residents to only those directed by the Public Health Outbreak Team - Isolation recommendations for residents who are symptomatic or have confirmed respiratory illness aligned to general public recommendations. - In facilities with NDSL plus another level of care (for example LTC, DSL, independent living etc.), outbreak management and recommendations will be tailored and implemented on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the public health outbreak team. - Section 11 (Summary of Changes) has been removed. Updates to the guide will be posted separately as a 'Notice of Change.'

Guide for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Provincial Correctional Centres	March 31, 2023 • Healthcare Worker Testing: Symptomatic HCW recommended to take self-administered at-home rapid antigen test only. • Influenza-like Illness Outbreak to replace RIO: RIO outbreak removed from the guide and replaced with Influenza-like illness outbreaks. • Removal of Healthcare Worker from OB definitions: symptomatic HCW will no longer be included to open or extend an outbreak. Change in resident specimen collection recommendations from all symptomatic residents to only those directed by the Public Health Outbreak Team.
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