

AHS Guides for Outbreak Prevention and Control & Supporting Materials

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Guide for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Long Term Care, Designated Supportive Living, and Hospice Sites	- 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	- 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.

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	• 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	• 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.