

Public Health Response Team Checklist for Management of Assisted Living Outbreaks

The following checklist assists to guide members of the Public Health Response Team.

See the [*Regional Management of Outbreaks in Assisted Living /Supportive Housing Residences](#) and [MB Health Enteric Illness Protocol](#) for further information.

	Action	Tools/Resources
	<p>PHN to obtain information from the Assisted Living Residence to verify if it is an outbreak. Consult with Communicable Disease Coordinator to confirm if current info obtained meets criteria for a suspect outbreak and to determine if further action is required.</p> <p><i>During weekend/stats/after hours; PHN to consult with MOH on call (204-788-8666).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted Living Residence Outbreak Assessment Tool
	<p>In collaboration with the Communicable Disease Coordinator or MOH, PHN to alert CA Team Manager or on-call Team Manager, the Community Infection Control/Prevention (ICP) nurse and Public Health Inspector (PHI). Arrange a joint visit (if possible) by PHN, Community ICP nurse, and PHI to meet with the Assisted Living Residence to complete a more in depth assessment and recommend immediate control measures.</p> <p><i>During weekends, stats and after hours Community ICP and PHI are not available. See Appendix D of Regional Management of Outbreaks for ICP recommendations</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gastrointestinal Case List • Respiratory Case List • Appendix D of Regional Management of Outbreaks for ICP recommendations • Respiratory illness and GI Illness OB management: Community Health Programs • Infection Prevention and Control OB management guidelines – Respiratory and GI
	<p>For GI outbreaks, PHN to coordinate with the ASL Residence stool specimen collection to identify an organism. NOTE use 2 identifiers on the requisition. OB code to be obtained by CD Coordinator.</p> <p><i>During weekends, stats and after hours OB code will be obtained during the regular hours by a CD Coordinator and assigned to samples submitted.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadham Lab Requisitions • Sample Lab Requisition: • <i>Education sheet re: stool collection:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shared Health - (see PB120-10-05F VO1) ○ WRHA (includes map of Cadham) • <i>Specimen containers, gloves, transport box for transfer of specimen</i> <p><i>Courier services for samples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Samples can be picked up from client home as follows: weekdays – PHN phones TFORCE Courier at 204-832-7171; weekends and stat holidays – PHN phones TFORCE at 1-800-387-7787.</i> • <i>PHN to inform courier of account info when calling for pick up (i.e. account #18417 code 8020)</i>
	<p>CD Coordinator to create OB in PHIMS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See QRC 12.0
	<p>Meeting arranged after site assessment by CD Coordinator to review and consult with Medical Officer of Health (MOH) re: further action.</p>	

	<i>During weekends/stats/afterhours; review and consult with MOH directly.</i>	
	PHN to collate info collected from Case List onto the Outbreak Report and email the Outbreak Report and the completed Assisted Living Residence Assessment tool to CD Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outbreak Report Template
	Community ICP nurse and PHI to send their completed reports to CD Coordinator for CD Coordinator to collate all the info into an OB summary	
	PHN to continue with ongoing monitoring and support with the ASL Residence until OB declared over by MOH.	