

Outbreak Prevention Checklist

How to prevent an outbreak in correctional centres

All staff share the responsibility to help keep residents safe. This checklist provides some general recommendations to help prevent an outbreak.

Watch for symptomatic residents

- Monitor to identify newly symptomatic residents and follow centre internal process for notification.
- Place symptomatic residents in the medical isolation space on additional precautions immediately.
- Post additional precaution signage outside of the symptomatic resident's medical isolation space.

Stop the spread of illness

- Recommend that symptomatic visitors delay visit until they are well.
- Advise HCW/staff to stay home when sick.
- Advise HCW/staff who develop respiratory symptoms at work to put on a mask, inform their supervisor/manager and leave the workplace as soon as possible.
- Advise HCW/staff who develop GI symptoms at work to perform hand hygiene, inform their supervisor/manager and leave the workplace as soon as possible.

Use routine IPC measures

- Practice frequent hand hygiene and perform respiratory etiquette.
- Follow routine food safety practices.
- Clean and disinfect high touch areas such as doorknobs and washrooms.
- Wear appropriate PPE for resident interactions. See the [Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment](#).

Notify the AHS Public Health Outbreak Team

- Gather information (may use the [Initial information reported](#) list¹ as a reference).
- Report to the AHS Public Health Outbreak Team if there are at least two newly symptomatic residents. See [Table A](#) and [Table B](#) in the guide¹.

¹ Refer to the [Guide for Outbreak Prevention & Control in Provincial Correctional Centres](#) for more information