

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

## Prevent a Potential Outbreak in Long-Term Care, Designated Supportive Living, Hospice Sites

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 section identified below in the [Guide for Outbreak Prevention and Control in LTC/DSL/Hospice Sites](#) for further information.

1. Manage the symptomatic resident (if applicable)	Guide Section
<input type="checkbox"/> Isolate the symptomatic resident in their room on <a href="#">appropriate precautions</a> .	3.1/3.3
<input type="checkbox"/> Assess whether the symptomatic resident meets the <b>Respiratory Surveillance Case Definition</b> in Table A.	2.1
<input type="checkbox"/> Assess whether the symptomatic resident meets the <b>Gastrointestinal (GI) Illness Outbreak Reporting Definition</b> in Table B.	2.1
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow site process to arrange for testing for symptomatic resident if required for medical management.	2.1
<input type="checkbox"/> Post <a href="#">signs</a> (precautions, donning/doffing) outside of the room of symptomatic residents.	3.1
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrange for symptomatic resident to receive meal service in their room.	3.8
<input type="checkbox"/> Gather appropriate supplies - hand hygiene products, PPE, linen, and specimen collection supplies.	3.2
<input type="checkbox"/> All staff are to wear appropriate PPE - see <a href="#">Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment (IPCRA)</a>	3.1
<input type="checkbox"/> Use strict <a href="#">hand hygiene</a> at all times.	3.1
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow all IPC measures.	3.1/3.14
2. Communicate	Guide Section
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact manager/supervisor to report symptomatic or positive residents.	2.2

<input type="checkbox"/> Call CEIR (1-844-343-0971) to report a potential outbreak if either the Respiratory Surveillance or the GI Illness Outbreak Reporting Definition is met.	2.1
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<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor for additional symptomatic residents if neither the Respiratory Surveillance nor the GI Illness Outbreak Reporting Definition is met. A call to CEIR 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> Update supervisor/manager/family on clinical status of symptomatic resident.	2.1
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<b>3. Watch for symptomatic residents or staff</b>	<b>Guide Section</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure HCW/staff maintain heightened surveillance for additional newly symptomatic residents. Update manager/supervisor as appropriate.	3.2
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<input type="checkbox"/> Isolate any newly symptomatic residents.	2.1/3.1
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<b>4. Manage the symptomatic HCW/staff (if applicable)</b>	<b>Guide Section</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Advise HCW/staff to monitor for signs and symptoms of illness and to not attend work if symptomatic.	3.12
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<input type="checkbox"/> Symptomatic HCW/staff are recommended to take an at-home rapid antigen test. See Table D.	3.12
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*Always be on alert for symptoms. Prevent outbreaks.*

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