**Respiratory Illness in Continuing Care**

Does the individual have symptoms* of Influenza-like-Illness (ILI)?

*Sudden onset of **NEW** cough or **CHANGE** in existing cough  
**PLUS** one or more of the following:  
Fever** (≥ 38°C on arrival or by history)  
Sore throat  
Joint pain  
Muscle aches  
Severe exhaustion/weakness

Symptoms may differ from Influenza outbreak case definitions.  
(over age 65 fever may not be present)

**YES**

Use **Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA)**  
and monitor for further symptoms.

Place individual on **Droplet & Contact** Precautions,  
encourage individual to remain in their room.

Focus on:  
- **PCRA** – encourage everyone to think about contact with individual and choose appropriate personal protective equipment.  
- **Hand hygiene** – encourage everyone to clean their hands frequently.  
- **Respiratory hygiene** – encourage individuals to cover their cough/sneeze, use of tissue and hand hygiene.  
- **Monitor and assess** – others for symptoms and place on additional precautions and post outbreak signage.  
- **Instruct visitors** – on good practices such as, hand hygiene, limiting number of individuals they visit, not visiting if they are unwell.  
- **Increased frequency of cleaning & disinfection** – of environment and equipment is essential during outbreaks.

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**NOTE** Aerosol Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP)
Procedures in Continuing Care that should be considered AGMP’s including but not limited to:
- Intubation and related procedures (e.g., manual ventilation, open endotracheal suctioning)
- Cardio pulmonary resuscitation
- Bronchoscopy
- Sputum induction
- Nebulized therapy
- Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (e.g. BiPAP)
- Respiratory/airway suctioning
- High frequency oscillatory ventilation
- Tracheostomy care
- Aerosolized medication administration
- Humidified high flow oxygen systems (e.g., ARVO, Optiflow)

If performing or assisting with any of these procedures in Continuing Care on an individual with Influenza or Influenza Like Illness:
- When possible perform procedure in a single room with door closed.
- Anyone within 2 meters of patient should ensure that they wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - N95 respirator (staff should be fit tested), eye protection/face shield, gown, and gloves

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