

Outbreak Prevention Checklist

How to prevent an outbreak in correctional centres

This checklist provides general measures to keep clients safe and prevent an outbreak.

For more information, refer to the [Guide for Outbreak Prevention & Control in Correctional Centres](#).

Prevent the spread of illness (refer to section 1.1 and 1.4)

- Promote immunization of clients and HCW/staff.
- Follow routine food safety practices.
- Facilitate safe visiting practices.
- Prevent illness spread from HCW/staff by monitoring for symptoms of illness and not attending work when ill.
- Advise HCW/staff who develop symptoms at work to leave the workplace as soon as possible.
- Implement work restrictions for symptomatic HCW/staff.

Use routine IPC practices (refer to section 1.2)

- Complete routine environmental cleaning and disinfection using a wipe-twice procedure.
- Use hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Wear personal protective equipment (PPE) recommended in the Infection Prevention Control Risk Assessment prior to providing client care.

Medically isolate symptomatic or confirmed clients (refer to section 1.3)

- Monitor to identify newly symptomatic or confirmed clients.
- Medically isolate symptomatic or confirmed clients on additional precautions immediately.
- Post additional precaution signage outside the client's medical isolation space.

Identify and report respiratory illness and gastrointestinal illness outbreaks (refer to section 2 and 4)

- Determine if clients with respiratory symptoms meet the reporting criteria.
- Determine if clients and HCW/staff with gastrointestinal symptoms meet the reporting criteria.
- Report to the AHS Public Health Outbreak team if the reporting criteria are met.