

Outbreak Prevention Checklist

How to prevent an outbreak in supportive living accommodations

This checklist provides general measures to keep residents safe and prevent an outbreak. For more information see the [Guide for Outbreak Prevention & Control in Supportive Living Accommodations](#).

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

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

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 recommended in the Infection Prevention Control Risk Assessment prior to providing resident care.

Isolate symptomatic or confirmed residents (refer to section 1.3)

- Monitor to identify newly symptomatic and/or confirmed residents.
- Isolate symptomatic or confirmed residents on additional precautions immediately.
- Post additional precaution signage outside of the isolating resident's room per site policy.

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

- Determine if residents with respiratory symptoms meet the reporting criteria.
- Determine if residents and staff/HCW with gastrointestinal symptoms meet the reporting criteria.
- Report to PPHST at **1-844-343-0971** if the reporting criteria are met.