

Initial Outbreak Data Requirements for ILI / GI Outbreaks Acute Care IPC

This document is intended to guide acute care IPC in collection of the information required to open an outbreak. Once all data is available, page the outbreak pager at 780-445-7226 to review with Public Health Staff. IPC is not required to submit this document to Public Health.

Unit where outbreak is suspected:

How many patients on this unit are experiencing case-defining illness? How many of those patients have hospital acquired illness? How many have community acquired illness?

What symptoms are the ill patients experiencing?

What are the onset dates for each of the ill patients?

Have any patients already had specimens collected? If yes, what are the results of those specimens?

How many total patients are on this unit?

Are there any staff members with case defining illness? Note: IPC to obtain this information from WHS or Unit Manager. An estimate is acceptable for initial notification to PH.

How many total staff members (total) work on this unit? Note: This should be the staff at risk population (not just the number of staff per shift). Sites should have a consistent, facility-wide criteria for how to determine the staff at risk population. IPC to obtain this information from WHS or Unit Manager. An estimate is acceptable for initial notification to PH.

What is the operational ability to implement restrictions (no admissions, transfers, or discharges) for this unit?

Note: Public Health will provide further direction regarding restrictions. Not all outbreaks will result in restrictions.