

North Zone RISK ASSESSMENT FOR ADMISSION/DISCHARGE/TRANSFER DURING OUTBREAKS

Using the CURRENT location of the patient/resident, these guidelines help to assess whether a Risk Assessment is required during outbreak investigations where the Medical Officer of Health has recommended restrictions as one of the control measures as per the province-wide Outbreak Guidelines. The designated Outbreak Management Lead can help provide more information for situation-specific events that fall outside of the categories listed below.

Criteria to be met prior to considering transfer/admission of patients/residents:

- Has the outbreak only been recently declared/are the recommended control measures not completely implemented/are test results pending/is it still within initial incubation period of organism? If Yes, do not transfer.
- Are the number of cases increasing despite control measures being in place? If Yes, do not transfer.
- Does the outbreak organism cause severe clinical outcomes (e.g. iGAS, verotoxigenic E coli)? If Yes, do not transfer.
- Is the resident to be transferred back to CC/SL coming from an outbreak site and symptomatic/infectious? If Yes, do not transfer. Wait until no longer infectious.
- Is the resident to be transferred back to CC/SL coming from a GI outbreak site, but asymptomatic? If Yes, consider no transfer until outbreak over.



