

# ALGORITHM FOR RESPIRATORY OUTBREAK CONTROL MEASURES FOR MHSU RESIDENTIAL LESS THAN 15 BEDS

Two or more people with new or worse cough  
on a unit or area within a 7-day period  
(Staff and/or Residents)

*Additional Symptoms: Fever, Sore Throat, Joint/Muscle  
Pain, Fatigue, Runny Nose*

**PUT CONTROL MEASURES IN PLACE FOR ILL RESIDENTS**  
(Refer to Checklist for Respiratory Illness)

- Initiate **DROPLET/CONTACT PRECAUTIONS** when caring for ill residents
- Using appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (gloves, gowns and masks)
- Initiate Tracking Log (Begin daily recording of incidents of ill residents and staff)
- Post Signage and Provide Educational Posters (see tools)
- Review Checklist for additional Control Measures

**NOTIFY**

**CRESST**  
PC/Manager  
Licensing  
IPC Specialist  
Other Support Services  
Housekeeping and  
Dietary

**SHARP Sites**  
NIC/Manager of Care  
SHARP Coordinator  
Housing Manager/Director  
Licensing  
IPC Specialist (For Licensed Sites)  
Other Support Services as needed

**Unlicensed**  
NIC/Manager of Care  
SHARP Coordinator  
Housing Manager/Director  
Other Support Services as needed

**Always Remember:**  
Hand Hygiene & Respiratory Etiquette