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LTC/AL Notification & Management of Suspected/Confirmed COVID Cases

This document is to be used in conjunction with the Suspect Case, Staff only cases and Enhanced Monitoring/Outbreak Checklists

Prevention

Self Assessment
Facility conducts self check against Prevention Checklist

Accountability
LO teams conduct facility/ site assessment

LO team reports findings back to LTC Prevention Huddles

Licensing will follow up with facility/site for compliance and/or determines if additional IPC support is needed

Legend

- Public and Population Health
- Facility
- FH/LTC-AL Coordination Centre

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PH COVID-19 Contact follow up CDNC team

1+ Staff/Resident Suspected Cases

Facility to:
- Swab symptomatic staff/residents
- Notify Public Health COVID-19 LTC HUB intake by:
  - Sending in Tool 27 or 28 to PH by Cerberus. If Cerberus not available, send by fax to 604-587-4414
- Implement Suspect case Checklist

Swab results

Swab(s) positive for COVID-19

Swab(s) negative for COVID-19

Staff Case(s) ONLY

Facility to:
- Go to Staff Case – LTC or AL Site Checklist – One or more positive COVID -19 Staff case at LTC or AL site
- Implement measures listed in checklist

Resident case

Facility to:
- Go to Enhanced Monitoring/Outbreak Checklist
- Immediately implement enhanced monitoring measures

Public Health:
- Connect with site to provide additional guidance as required

Facility to follow the Viral Respiratory Illness Outbreak Protocol and Toolkit

1+Resident Confirmed Cases

PH and/or Facility receives notification of positive COVID-19 case from:
- BCCDC
- Tools 27 28
- Site email

PH COVID-19 LTC HUB staff will:
- Interview case/or Facility
- Conduct a facility exposure risk assessment
- Determines with PH CDNC/MHO if Facility is on Outbreak or Enhanced Monitoring

If Facility receives positive COVID-19 report prior to contact with PH, facility to implement:

Enhanced Monitoring measures outlined in the Enhanced Monitoring/Outbreak Checklist until hears from PH

Facility is on Enhanced monitoring or outbreak

Outbreak

PH LTC HUB staff will:
- Notify the Facility they are on Outbreak and to follow the Outbreak measures listed in the Enhanced Monitoring/Outbreak Checklist
- Notifies Facility and LTC Coordination Centre of the measures to implement
- Sends out RION

RION notification to LTC-AL Coordination Centre

LTC-AL Coordination Centre assigns a facility Response lead (RL) to set up a facility EOC with the facility Administrator

RL Lead works in collaboration with the Facility Administrator

RL Lead establishes daily check ins with Facility Administrator

RL Lead activates supports as necessary) CNE, IPC etc)

Enhanced Monitoring

PH LTC HUB staff will:
- Notify the Facility they are on Enhanced Monitoring and any additional measures to implement from Enhanced Monitoring/Outbreak Checklist
- Make referrals to IPC and LO
- Notifies the ACT team and LTC group of Enhanced Monitoring at the facility
- Consults LTC Coordinating Centre if an ORL is recommended

PH COVID-19 LTC HUB staff will: Send out Outbreak letters to the Facility to distribute to residents/ families/staff

LTC -AL Coordination Centre:
- Assigns a Response Lead (RL)
  - Only if facility is on Enhanced monitoring and RL is indicated
  - Notifies PCQO site is on outbreak or enhanced measures

PH COVID-19 LTC HUB staff will communicate with the facility as needed to update infection control measures

Facility will be discussed on LTCC calls with PH, IPC and decisions made regarding follow up

Facility modifies COVID-19 safety measures as directed by PH

Facility to send in Tool 27 and/or 28 to PH daily by noon by Cerberus. If Cerberus not available send by fax to 604-587-4414

If facility needs to speak PH COVID-19 LTC HUB, call 778-368-0123, Press #1 and ask for LTC HUB

1+ Staff ONLY Cases

Facility receives notification of a staff case - **NO resident cases at facility**

Facility to initiate Staff Case – LTC or AL Site Checklist – One or more positive COVID -19 Staff case at LTC or AL site

Facility to send in Tools 27 and 28 daily to Public Health with any new staff cases

Contact Public Health for additional support/questions if staff cases are increasing and facility is having issues with Infection Control Measures/ transmission

Staff only cases: Facility to consult with Community IPC Practitioner askIPCcommunity@fraserhealth.ca for assistance with Infection Control Support

Facility can stop monitoring 7 days days after the last positive staff member last worked if no other staff cases are identified and there are no resident cases at the site

Resident case identified, facility to switch to Enhanced Monitoring/Outbreak Checklist and initiate measures in that checklist until hears from PH