

What to Expect if Outbreak is Not Declared After Identification of a COVID-19 Positive Case

What's Happening?

- MHO **may not** declare a COVID-19 Outbreak if there is no indication of transmission or widespread exposure, based on a public health risk assessment
- Sites will be informed of any COVID-19 cases at their facilities and must take the proactive measures that are outlined in the [LTC/AL COVID-19 Resource Toolkit checklist](#) while awaiting further Public Health direction.
- Enhanced monitoring and infection control measures will be put in place by Public Health
 - Every opportunity will be taken to focus measures to only areas of risk

How Does This Affect You?

- During enhanced monitoring, facilities will continue to be supported by Public Health for questions and guidance. A number of infection control measures will apply. Information related to these control measures can be found in the relevant sections of the [LTC/AL COVID-19 Toolkit](#):
 - Swabbing (*COVID-19 Testing*)
 - Isolation/droplet precautions to those who are exposed
 - Screening of residents/tenants & staff (*Fraser Health COVID-19 Screening Process*)
 - Enhanced cleaning (*Housekeeping Quick Reference: Enhanced Cleaning during COVID-19*)
 - Stopping visitation/group activities
- **Specific measures** sites should apply on unit where a COVID-19 positive case had contact (the affected unit):
 - Actively screen residents/tenants and staff to identify further cases and report promptly using [Tool 27](#) (resident/tenant) or [Tool 28](#) (staff); testing/isolation of all who are symptomatic
 - Residents/tenants cared for by an affected staff member placed on isolation/droplet precautions
 - Stop all communal/group activities on the affected unit
 - Tray service for all residents/tenants on the affected unit
 - Stop all social visitation to the affected unit
 - Stop all admissions/transfers to the affected unit

The measures above may be modified at the discretion of the Medical Health Officer

- **Support:**
 - When Public Health staff connect with the site, they will outline what to expect while a facility is on enhanced monitoring and guidance on communication for families/staff
 - Public Health staff will be available during initial days after a case is identified to address any questions that the site has
 - Sites continue to monitor for new cases for 14 days from last exposure while applying measures recommended by Public Health. After the initial couple days after a case is identified and measures are applied, Public Health staff will be available for consultation on an as-needed basis.
 - Public Health staff will connect with sites at the end of the 14-day monitoring period to advise on further follow-up
 - Ensure adequate PPE supplies, refer to *How to Access PPE Supplies* in [LTC/AL COVID-19 Toolkit](#)
 - For staffing concerns, refer to *Staffing Support* in the [LTC/AL COVID-19 Toolkit](#)

Questions?

Please submit via the [online inquiry form](#) to the LTC/AL Coordination Centre

For suspected cases, please contact Public Health at COVIDLTCHub@fraserhealth.ca