Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Outbreak Control Measures for Apotex 5 EI

CASE DEFINITION: Residents presenting with fever with/without respiratory symptoms, with or without lab confirmation

1. CLIENTS

- Cases (ill clients) should be restricted to their rooms;
- All clients in the affected area (cases or not) are restricted to the pod, but community leaves of absence are excepted;

2. APPOINTMENTS AND GROUP ACTIVITIES

- Medical appointments for well clients may continue. Use Droplet/Contact Precautions & notify the transport personnel and the receiving facility;
- Schedule appointments at the end of the day, when possible;
- Recreational group activities are discontinued;

3. STAFF, PRIVATE COMPANIONS, STUDENTS, VOLUNTEERS

- Ill Staff must notify OH&S and are excluded from work until cleared by OH&S;

4. ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

- Cleaning/disinfection will be enhanced on the pod;

5. ADMISSIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- Outbreak pod is closed to admissions;
- Readmissions of *line-listed cases* from acute care are permitted;
- Readmissions of *non-cases* will be discussed on a case-by-case basis;
- Transfers to other facilities are permitted with appropriate notification;
- Community leaves of absence to private homes (community) are permitted;
- Return back to the outbreak unit is at the discretion of clients/families;

6. VISITORS

- Visitors are allowed;
- Visitors must comply with infection control precautions, restrict their visit to one client at a time, and get further instructions at the nursing station;

7. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- All individuals entering the room of symptomatic clients should don appropriate PPE as posted on patient's door (gown, gloves, eye protection, and procedure mask);

8. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

- Additional information is available on the Baycrest Intranet, family/visitor phone line (ext. 4444) or staff phone line (ext. 4443).