

Terraces 10th Floor Acute Respiratory Infection Outbreak

Preliminary Control Measures

CASE DEFINITION

Any client or staff exhibiting any one or more respiratory symptoms;

SURVEILLANCE

1. Test new clients presenting with any one symptom compatible with acute respiratory infection;
2. Initiate daily active surveillance for clients (IPAC) and staff (OHS) on the affected unit;

SIGNAGE AND ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS

3. Place suspected/confirmed cases on Special Droplet/Contact Precautions with signage on the doors;
4. Post a printed copy of the Control Measures at the nursing station;
5. Implement universal use of procedural masks for staff, visitors and contractors on the unit;

ACCOMMODATION, COHORTING & ROOM RESTRICTIONS

6. Restrict suspected/confirmed cases to their rooms for the duration of precautions;
7. Use dedicated mobile equipment in the rooms of confirmed/suspected cases, when possible;
8. Disinfect mobile equipment that cannot be dedicated, using disinfectant wipes;

APPOINTMENTS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE & GROUP ACTIVITIES

9. Determine whether clients' medical appointments should be kept, at the discretion of MRPs;
10. Schedule appointments end of day, if possible. Notify transport personnel and the receiving facility;
11. Encourage community leaves of absence to be postponed for the duration of the outbreak;
12. Provide a mask to clients who leave the unit for the duration of the outbreak;
13. Organize recreational group activities for 4-5 well clients at a time only in the TV lounge and/or dining room;
14. Postpone communal dining for the duration of the outbreak;

ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS AND TRANSFERS

15. Permit new admissions to the affected unit only in consultation with IPAC;
16. Permit early client discharges and repatriations to homes in the community;
17. Permit transfers between affected and unaffected units only in consultation with IPAC;
18. Coordinate inter-facility transfers with Toronto Public Health. Notify the receiving facility;

STAFF, PRIVATE & ESSENTIAL CAREGIVERS, STUDENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND VISITORS

19. Restrict confirmed/suspected staff/caregiver/etc. cases from the unit until cleared by OHS/TPH;
20. Permit healthy essential caregivers and general visitors, including for active client cases, ensuring proper PPE use and leave immediately after visit;
21. Permit healthy staff to work between affected and unaffected units, if feasible;
22. Permit students to work on unaffected units before moving to affected units and with confirmed/suspected cases;
23. Restrict volunteers from working on the affected unit;
24. Restrict essential caregivers from working on other unaffected units;

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

25. Perform daily enhanced cleaning/disinfection in the rooms of confirmed/suspected cases;
26. Perform a terminal cleaning upon discontinuation of precautions;