

Terraces Second Floor Enteric Outbreak

Final Control Measures

CASE DEFINITION

Any client or staff with 2+ episodes of diarrhea AND/OR vomiting, with or without lab confirmation, within a 24-hour period;

SURVEILLANCE

1. Daily monitoring of clients for signs and symptoms of gastrointestinal illness;
2. Initiate daily active surveillance for clients (IPAC) and staff (OHS) on the affected unit;

SIGNAGE AND ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS

3. Post outbreak signage on entrance doors & keep them shut for the duration of the outbreak;
4. Post a printed copy of the Control Measures at the nursing station;

ACCOMMODATION, COHORTING & ROOM RESTRICTIONS

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

APPOINTMENTS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE & GROUP ACTIVITIES

8. Determine whether clients' medical appointments should be kept, at the discretion of the care team;
9. Schedule appointments end of day, if possible. Notify transport personnel and the receiving facility;
10. Reschedule non-urgent medical appointments and absences. Urgent appointments may continue with precautions;
11. Restrict clients from the affected unit from participating in any communal recreational group activities taking place outside the unit;
12. Suspend recreational group activities for the duration of outbreak;

ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES

13. Determine whether new admissions can proceed, in consultation with IPAC;
14. Coordinate inter-facility transfers with Toronto Public Health. Notify the receiving facility;
15. Permit early client discharges and repatriations to homes in the community;

STAFF AND PHYSICIANS

16. Restrict active staff/physician cases from the unit until cleared by OHS;
17. Permit healthy staff to work between affected and unaffected units;

PRIVATE & ESSENTIAL CAREGIVERS, STUDENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND VISITORS

18. Restrict confirmed/suspected caregiver/visitor cases until clear of symptoms;
19. Communicate outbreak control measures to essential caregivers/visitors (huddle, copy of control measures posted at the nursing station, etc.);
20. Permit essential caregivers/visitors, including for confirmed/suspected client cases;
21. Restrict essential caregivers/visitors from working with more than one client. Ensure essential caregivers/visitors leave immediately after visit;
22. Permit students to work with confirmed/suspected cases;
23. Restrict volunteers from working for the duration of the outbreak;

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

24. Perform daily enhanced cleaning/disinfection in the rooms of active cases;
25. Perform a terminal cleaning upon discontinuation of precautions.