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Suspected Respiratory Illness/Influenza Like Illness Algorithm: Residential/Congregate Living*

ILI-RC-1
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Most Responsible Nurse

Does my resident/client have:

New or worsening cough with fever (>38C) or a temperature that is abnormal for that individual **and** one or more of the following:
- Sore throat
- Athralgia (painful joints)
- Myalgia (muscle pain)
- Headache
- Prostration

NO → They do not meet the definition for possible Influenza Like Illness, resident may still require Droplet Precautions

YES →

Droplet Precautions
- Confine Ill resident
- Advise your Charge Nurse
- Collect a Nasopharyngeal swab within 72 hours of onset of symptoms consult MRP (Island Health only, for affiliates contact Communicable Disease Program)
- Obtain order from most responsible physician
- Complete Influenza Screening Tool

→ Notify:
- Your ICP (Island Health)
- Communicable Disease Program (Affiliates)

Charge Nurse or Clinical Coordinator

Are you aware of ≥ 2 residents/clients with ILI symptoms (see case definition above) Occurring within 7 days AND Are epidemiologically linked (e.g. room/floor/common area/staff)

NO → Continue to be vigilant

YES →

Confine ALL symptomatic residents/clients to their rooms on Droplet Precautions. Roommates will be assessed by the most responsible nurse and may also require Droplet Precautions. For Island Health facilities, if unsure please contact your ICP.
- Collect a Nasopharyngeal swab within 72 hours of onset of symptoms for suspected ILI cases
- Obtain order from MRP

Post Precaution signs for those residents with ILI symptoms

Inform housekeeping of the need for **Precaution cleaning*** for affected rooms. For Island health facilities an ICP will send a Housekeeping requisition Mon-Fri during regular office hours. For affiliate facilities refer to housekeeping guidelines for recommended practices.
*Refer to Outbreak Cleaning Guidelines

Complete the Respiratory/ILI Tracking list.
Send the Tracking List and the Influenza Screening Tool to your ICP/CD nurse daily

If during working hours, notify:
- Island Health Communicable Disease Program and Director of Care for your facility (Affiliate Staff)
- Infection Prevention & Control (Island Health staff)

If after hours, notify:
- Affiliate Staff: Medical Health Officer On Call
- Island Health staff: Medical Microbiologist On-Call
  - Clinical Coordinator of Operations/Utilization manager, or in their absence, Site Admin On-Call
  - Leave message for ICP Monday through-Friday

Refer symptomatic staff to:
- Discuss with manager
- Their Family Physician
- Occupational Health & Safety Employee Health Nurse (Island Health staff for ILI)

***Congregate Living** areas include: Affiliates, Mental Health and Addictions, Acute Rehab & Alternative Level of Care Units with dining and activity rooms