

» Facility

Outbreak definition

Respiratory (ILI)

A respiratory outbreak, including COVID-19, is defined as:

- 3 cases (staff or resident) in 48 hours
- OR
- 4 cases (staff or resident) in 7 days

Gastro

- 2 or more cases linked to common source in 28 hours
- 4 or more cases linked to common source in 7 days

Notify Public Health of outbreak on **04 570 9002**

Notify Infection Control Community Nurses on **918 6515** or by email

Management of residents

Specimens - throat swab, ILI or faecal spec - gastro (Add public health number to lab request form)

Isolation of sick people and restriction of movement within facility if required

PPE - staff and visitors

Illness log - fax or email to public health daily

Staff - exclusion if unwell

Visitors - communication, signage, restriction

Cleaning and disinfecting

Hand washing - soap and water

Bleach sanitation for hard surfaces, commonly used surfaces

PPE - for staff cleaning up vomit, diarrhoea and rooms of infected people

Laundry - hot wash

Further information

Gastro

For further information refer to the executive summary of the Gastro Guidelines for the Management of Norovirus Outbreaks in Hospital and Elderly Care Institutions.

Contact Public Health and ask for the gastro pack.

Flu

Contact Public Health and ask for the flu pack.

www.rph.org.nz

» *Public Health*

Notification received

Background/history is obtained

Determine if it is an outbreak

Outbreak number is assigned

Public Health checklist completed

Management

All outbreaks

- Set up liaison and follow-up with Facility Manager
- Send outbreak response pack
- Advice and support measures to stop outbreak
- Review daily log

ILI

- Throat swabs - assist taking if necessary
- Visit and advise as required

Gastro

- Faecal specimens obtained
- Investigate source of outbreak
- Exposure pathway
- Likely common source of pathogen

Outbreak

Advice and monitoring

Community IC nurse gives advice and visits premises if necessary

Once it is mutually agreed that the outbreak is complete, a data analysis and outbreak report is generated for ESR