Summary of Changes

Respiratory Infection (RI) Outbreak Toolkit for Long Term Care Facilities

October 2023

Instructions to replace documents:

- This replaces Respiratory Infection (RI) Outbreak Toolkit for Long Term Care Facilities October 2022
- Please remove and recycle any printed copies of the previous guidelines

N = New R= Revised		Section(s) Revised
Overall Guidelines	N	New tools added.
	R	Updated links throughout document and modified wording throughout for clarity.
	R	Changed Infection Control Practitioner (ICP) name to Infection Preventionist (IP).
Tool B: Roles and Responsibilities	R	Added to Site Outbreak Management Team (OMT) Lead (Manager) Roles and Responsibilities to organize a debrief at the end of the outbreak, with a link to new Tool O. Adjust Outbreak Response Lead Role of the IP for Interior Health (IH) Facilities to remove organizing a debrief.
Tool E: Outbreak Management Team	R	Reformatted membership to the OMT meeting into tables to help with clarity.
Tool F: Notification of Partners	R	Added links for contact information for IH Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) and Licensing.
Tool I: Outbreak Preparedness Considerations	R	Modified wording and structure for clarity. Removed section called "Reduce transmission with supplementary activities."
Tool J: Testing Guidance, Case and Reporting Threshold Definitions	R	Added testing guidance. Updated the Case Definitions. Updated the Reporting Threshold. Previously the threshold was **Two** cases, and now there are two separate thresholds, one for influenza and one for other respiratory agents. Modified wording in the Outbreak Definition for clarity.

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Tool K: Contact Information for Reporting Thresholds	R	Added a deadline to send daily outbreak case report to IH IP's in IH facilities.
Tool L: Enhanced Measures	N	New tool to outline what activities are recommended if there are cases but an outbreak threshold is not met.
Tool M: Measures for Managing an Outbreak	R	Tool located in a different location in Toolkit. (Previously was Tool L) Adjusted wording of various measures for clarity. COVID-19 and Scenario C management has been removed. New control measures added (e.g. (Medical masking) and others removed (e.g. Implement IPAC measures, Contact Tracing, Asymptomatic testing).
Tool N: Specimen Collection and Transport	R	Changed tool Name from M to N.
Tool O: When to Declare an outbreak over	R	Changed tool name from N to O. Removed Scenario C criteria.
Tool P: Outbreak Debrief	N	New Tool outlining requirement for facilities on outbreak to complete a debrief once the outbreak has been declared over.