

Summary of Changes

Gastrointestinal (GI) Infection Outbreak Guidelines for Health Care Facilities

September 2018

Instructions to replace documents:

- This replaces Gastrointestinal (GI) Infection Outbreak Guidelines for Health Care Facilities September 2017
- Please remove and recycle any printed copies of the previous guidelines

| N = New R= Revised | | Section(s) Revised |
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| Introduction | R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a new section to the Guidelines - References |
| | N | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement regarding C. difficile is outside the scope of these guidelines. |
| Section 1. A. Pre-Outbreak Preparation | N | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to a new document “Quick Reference Guide: GI Infection Outbreak Guidelines for acute Care Facilities” |
| Section 1. B. Create an Outbreak Management Team (OMT) | R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-organized and updated purpose for clarity and added job titles to be consistent with IH Outbreak Management Plan. • Clarified intended roles of OMT, including the Most Responsible Person chairing and leading meetings. |
| | N | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to tools for Outbreak Management Team (OMT) tools added. |
| Section 1. C. Surveillance | R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wording changes for clarity. • Most Responsible Person as defined in the OMT to complete daily report form. |
| Section 2. A. Recognition | R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added “Place symptomatic resident/patient on Droplet & Contact Precautions”. |
| Section 2. C. Declaring an Outbreak | N | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formatting changes to include Residential and Acute care facilities on the Table of Contents. |
| Section 2. D. Reporting and Outbreak | R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor wording changes to separate out direction for residential care facilities and acute care facilities. • Added weekend contact information |
| Section 2. E. Notification of Partners | N | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added notification to Provincial Workplace Health Call Centre |
| | R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated lab and lab form names and links |
| Section 2. F | R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Facility Manager/Administrator titles to be consistent with IH Outbreak Management Plan. |

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| Roles and Responsibilities | R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved role of completing RI and GI Outbreak Report Form from a nursing role to the Most Responsible Person role. Added links to other portions of the document ICP to collaborate with the Most Responsible Person to complete daily forms Updated direction for all employees to stay away from work for 48 hours |
| | N | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICP to complete RI and GI Outbreak Report Forms for acute care only at the beginning and end of an outbreak. IH employees to report GI illness during an outbreak to the Provincial Workplace Health Call Centre |
| Section 2. G. Collection and Transportation of Specimens | R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added a comment that testing may be available at IH labs, and to check with local lab. Updated name lab names and form names and links. Removed a note regarding specimen temperature holding. |
| Section 3. B Routine Practices | R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed Routine practices previously found in Section I as it was in two places. |
| Section 3. E Placement of Resident/Patient | N | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formatting changes to include Residential Care and Acute Care direction in the Table of Contents. |
| Section 3. F Restriction of Units | R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formatting changes for clarification. |
| Section 3. G Staff | N | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added statement for symptomatic IH staff to report to the Provincial Health Call Centre |
| Section 3. K Declaring Outbreak Over | R | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reordering of information for clarity |
| | N | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes timeframe to declare the outbreak over depending on causative agent. Formatting changes to include Residential Care and Acute Care direction in the Table of Contents. |