

# Summary of Changes

## Gastrointestinal Infection (GI) Outbreak Toolkit for Long Term Care Facilities

**October 2023**

Instructions to replace documents:

- This replaces Gastrointestinal (GI) Infection Outbreak Toolkit: Long-term Care Facilities October 2022
- Please remove and recycle any printed copies of the previous guidelines

<b>N = New</b> <b>R= Revised</b>		<b>Section(s) Revised</b>
Overall Guidelines	N	New Tool added.
	R	Modified wording throughout to help improve 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 meetings 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 G: Outbreak Preparedness Considerations	R	Reformatted outbreak preparedness activities into a table to help with clarity.
Tool I: Contact Information for Reporting Thresholds	R	Added timeframe for IH Facilities to send completed RI and GI Outbreak Report form to IH IPAC prior to 9 am.
Tool J: Measures for Managing an Outbreak	R	Removed outbreak precaution of “Implement Additional Infection Prevention and Control Practices”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This removes the requirement for symptom monitoring twice daily during an outbreak.</li> <li>• The previous hand hygiene bullet in this section was incorporated into the Hand Hygiene section of “Continue Routine Infection prevention and Control Practices”</li> </ul>

		Adjusted wording in “Common Areas” to help with clarity.  Reformatted and adjusted wording in “Restrict Admissions and Transfers” to help with clarity.
Tool K: Cleaning Vomit and Feces and Recommended Disinfectants	R	Added some points of consideration when selecting a disinfectant/sanitizer during an outbreak.
Tool O: Outbreak Debrief	N	New Tool outlining requirement for facilities on outbreak to complete a debrief once the out break has been declared over.