

# Accred Ed Outbreaks



## How Do I Know If We Have an Outbreak?

- Outbreaks are declared when there is an increased number of healthcare-associated infections that meet specific criteria to be considered a case
  - Examples include norovirus, influenza, or COVID-19
- Signage will be posted outside and inside the unit for staff, visitors, and patients/residents
- Leadership (PCC/LTCC/Manager) would inform staff in huddles, emails, etc.



## How Are Outbreaks Managed?

- Everyone in the care area plays a role in preventing the spread of infection
- Control measures may include hand hygiene, wearing appropriate PPE, monitoring symptoms, cohorting patients, cohorting staff and by performing enhanced cleaning and disinfection
- Patients and families may be requested to follow control measures following education from staff
- Outbreak Management Team (OMT) meetings are held daily to discuss control measures

## How Do I Find More Information About Outbreaks?

- Education is provided annually and during outbreaks
- Outbreak Toolkits are on the Infection Prevention & Control page  
*IH website → About IH → Infection Prevention & Control → Outbreak Prevention & Management*
- Ask your Infection Control Professional at [IPAC@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:IPAC@interiorhealth.ca)