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# Disclosure Script for Admitting Patients to Units on Outbreak

**Purpose:** *this is an optional tool for clinical staff when discussing an admission to a unit on outbreak. For all admissions, please document the admission conversation in the patient record.*

## Patient Disclosure With Admission To Outbreak Units (Full Script)

We have a bed ready for you. Before you arrive there, we want you to know the unit is currently managing an outbreak of a [respiratory/stomach] virus. There are higher-than-usual levels of this virus in the community and hospital.

This is something we are prepared for, and we have strong measures in place to keep you and the other patients safe, including more frequent cleaning, closing common areas like the kitchen and lounge, and close monitoring of patients for early signs of illness.

[Influenza outbreak: If your doctor deems it beneficial, they will also provide a medication called oseltamivir (Tamiflu), taken once daily, to help protect you from infection.]

To help keep everyone safe, visitor limitations may be in place on a unit experiencing an outbreak. We understand how important visitation is for your wellbeing, and every effort will be made to allow visits when it is safe to do so. Your care team will let you and your family know what restrictions apply and what to expect.

Your health and safety are our top priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know—we are here to support you.

## Patient Disclosure With Admission To Outbreak Units (Summary Bullets)

There is an outbreak on the unit you are going to.

Your safety is the utmost importance to us. Here is what we are going to do to keep you safe:

- Closing common areas
- Increasing the frequency of cleaning.
- Monitoring patients for early signs of illness
- Visitor limitations may be in place.
- [for influenza outbreaks: protection via medication administration to help protect from infection]

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