

RIVERVIEW GARDENS

INFECTION CONTROL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

POLICY: SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT (SUR) -RESPONSIBILITIES DURING AN OUTBREAK

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Policy:

Through ongoing surveillance collection and analysis, infection prevention via routine practise, will be used to identify and prevent transmission of infection in our Home. Standard / Additional Precautions will be added as needed.

RESPONSIBILITIES DURING AN OUTBREAK

Procedure:

- 1. During an outbreak, the IPAC lead, the Director of Nursing/designate shall:
 - Be always available during an outbreak.
 - Attend all Outbreak Management Team Meetings (OMT) and record minutes done by the IPAC lead.
 - Upon isolation of the outbreak, review isolation responsibilities and procedures with each Department Manager to assure readiness (NOTE: Each Department Manager initiates departmental isolation procedure).
 - Stock PPE and initiate the availability of PPE in Outbreak unit/ home.
 - Initiate staff contingency plan and cohoroting of staff.
 - Cohorting of residents
 - Stop all the activities, provide 1:1 activites/ OR follow the CKUPH
 - IPAC Audits will be conducted and will be reviewed on daily basis to improve any identified gaps.
 - Train and educate staff as required: Hand Hygiene, PPE donning/ doffing, physical distancing, cohorting.
 - Etc.
 - Continue to oversee the outbreak
 - Perform staff and visitor surveillance (follow current Ministry Guidelines).
 - Perform infection control surveillance
 - Document line listing separate for staff/ residents and send to CKUPHU
 - Report and consult with the Chatham-Kent Public Health Division
 - Initiate and maintain all 'logs' during outbreak
 - Arrange follow-up meetings with the Outbreak Management Team (OMT)
- 2. The IPAC lead and Director of Nursing designate Role to Discontinue Isolation:
 - OMT develops isolation termination procedures



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- reviews isolation termination procedures with each department manager as determined by OMT
- Each department manager initiates termination procedures
- Hold a meeting within one week of termination to discuss outbreak and make recommendations (if appropriate) for future events or changes in policies and procedures OR a report is written on outbreak and circulated to management with above guideline.
- 3. Administrators Role During an Outbreak:
 - Is a member of the Outbreak Management Team (OMT) and attends all meetings
 - Administrator will be media contact person