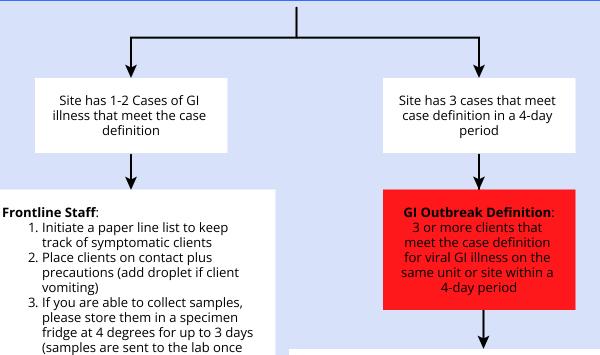
# Gastrointestinal Case Communication - Community

#### **Gastrointestinal Case Definition:**

- 2 or more episodes of diarrhea (Bristol stool chart 6 or 7) within a 24 hour period, above what is considered normal for that individual (and not related to laxative use) **OR**
- 2 or more episodes of vomiting within a 24-hour period **OR**
- 1 episode each of vomiting and diarrhea within a 24-hour period OR
- 1 episode of bloody diarrhea **OR**
- Lab confirmation of a known enteric pathogen with at least one symptom compatible with a GI Infection (see above)



## Site Leadership:

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1. Initiate the electronic line list to keep track of symptomatic cases

outbreak definition met)

- 2. 7-days per week email line list to: <a href="mailto:lCP-ambulatorycommunity@vch.ca">lCP-ambulatorycommunity@vch.ca</a> daily until 48 hours after resolution of symptoms in last client. Include information re: the # of cases, affected units and affected rooms
- 3. Implement the containment measures in the Community Viral GI toolkit

## Site Leadership:

1. When outbreak definition met, send an electronic line list to:

Monday to Friday: <u>CDEHO@vch.ca</u> <u>ICP-ambulatorycommunity@vch.ca</u> <u>VCHMedMicroIPAC@vch.ca</u>

Saturday, Sunday and STATs:
CDEHO@vch.ca
MHOandCDNurseOnCall@vch.ca
ICP-ambulatorycommunity@vch.ca
VCHMedMicroIPAC@vch.ca
ICP-ChargeRN@vch.ca
Call ICP In-Charge RN: 604-220-5813

- 2. Email line list daily until 4 days/96 hours (2 incubation periods) after resolution of symptoms in the last case or the outbreak declared over by the MHO
- 3. Implement outbreak containment measures listed in the Community Viral GI toolkit

# Infection Control Practitioner (ICP):

ICP providing site coverage will respond via email or phone with recommendations as required

# ICP Staff:

When threshold for Outbreak reached, IPAC to email # of clients on the unit, # of staff, shared spaces on the units to: <a href="mailto:CDEHO@vch.ca">CDEHO@vch.ca</a>

ICP-ambulatorycommunity@vch.ca VCHMedMicroIPAC@vch.ca

## CD EHO:

Monday - Friday (excluding STATs) EHO to send site outbreak ID and MISYS # to BCCDC Lab

## ICP:

Saturday, Sunday and Statutory Holidays ICP to send site outbreak ID and MISYS# to BCCDC Lab

## Frontline Staff:

- 1. Continue paper line list
- 2. Collect specimens once outbreak declared and sent to BCCDC lab
- 3. Once organism identified in separate specimens, no further specimens required

