

Patient/Resident develops **NEW ONSET COUGH AND FEVER** (elevated temp that is abnormal for the individual)*, (*fever may not be present in the elderly)
AND any of the following:
sore muscles/joints, extreme fatigue/weakness, headache, sore throat

Assess all other patients/residents for similar symptoms

YES

Other residents/patients with new onset of symptoms?

NO

Suspect Outbreak. Affected unit to complete the following:

- Isolate symptomatic residents/patients on **Droplet & Contact Precautions**.
- Notify Charge Nurse/RCC/PCC **AND** Infection Control/or After Hours contact eg. MHO or MM on-call.
- Collect Nasopharyngeal swabs from residents/patients as directed by IPAC/MHO/physician.
- Label specimens and send to Lab (for specifics refer to suspect ILI outbreak checklist).
- Start a Line List of symptomatic Patients/Residents.
- Review Line List with Outbreak Lead **AND** Infection Control.
- Start a Line List of symptomatic Staff (separate from above)/ symptomatic staff to be relieved of duty while sick.
- Arrange meal tray service.
- Alert stores that additional PPE and hand hygiene products will be required.
- Infection Control to request Enhanced Cleaning.
- Review "Section III: When Outbreak is Declared" of the Checklist for Management of Influenza-Like-Illness/Outbreak in preparation for additional steps.

Outbreak unlikely

- Advise Charge Nurse/RCC/PCC of symptomatic resident/patient.
 - Isolate the resident/patient on **Droplet & Contact Precautions** in their room.
 - Collect Nasopharyngeal swabs from residents/patients who meet clinical case definition as directed by IPAC/MHO/physician.
 - Arrange for meal tray service to their room.
 - Watch for development of new influenza-like symptoms in other resident/patients.
 - Continue monitoring resident/patient.
- If after 96 hours there are no additional residents/patients/staff with symptoms, this is not an outbreak.

- If additional residents/patients with symptoms, start a **Line List** of residents/patients and contact IPAC or after hours contact per checklist.

- Follow for Laboratory Results (results usually reported 24 to 48 hours from receipt at laboratory).
- Document patient signs and symptoms daily progress.
- Note date and time each symptom resolved.

Lab results negative

Lab results positive

Influenza A or B is confirmed by lab **AND** outbreak is declared by IPAC/VCH MHO.

Proceed to "Section III: When Outbreak is Declared" of the Checklist for Management of Influenza-Like-Illness/Outbreak