MEMO

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To: SDO Leadership, Acute Care Facilities

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Subject: COVID-19 Outbreak Protocols for Acute Care Admissions

As COVID-19 activity increases, Acute Care Admissions of residents or inpatients from any facility (long term care or acute care) and/or community identified by Public Health and Infection Prevention & Control as having a confirmed COVID-19 outbreak and ongoing COVID-19 transmission (e.g. new cases occurring beyond those known contacts who have already been isolated) require the following additional precautions.

Outbreak information will be regularly updated at:
https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/providers/covid-19-outbreaks/

Please note the following:

a. Ensure ORANGE ZONE processes are applied and followed upon arrival of all residents transferred or admitted from a setting confirmed to have an active outbreak and ongoing transmission. Outbreak information will be regularly updated at:
   https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/providers/covid-19-outbreaks/.

b. Maintain ORANGE ZONE status for at least 14 days, even if asymptomatic. If symptoms develop, obtain a nasopharyngeal specimen.
   https://vimeo.com/398627117/e35232c036

c. Maintain these measures until advised to stop by Infection Prevention and Control in consultation with Public Health.

d. For those individuals already known to be positive for COVID-19, continue to manage with RED ZONE processes.

Change tracker

October 19, 2020

- Updated to include Acute to Acute admissions and to define ongoing COVID-19 transmission