



  <b>WORK STANDARD</b>	<b>Title: Suspect Outbreak Management</b>  <b>Role: Various healthcare workers, managers, directors, Infection Prevention and Control, Occupational Health &amp; Safety</b>		
	<b>Location: SHR Acute and Rural Acute Care; Long Term Care (LTC)</b>	<b>Department: Variable</b>	
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<b>Essential Tasks:</b>	
1.	<u>Unit Initiated Activities</u> <b>Don't wait - Isolate</b> the suspect infection, infectious disease, unusual organism or unusual antibiotic resistance patterns using the correct additional precaution to stop the transmission. Do not wait for a confirmed laboratory result, isolate based on client symptoms.
2.	<u>Unit Initiated Activities</u> <b>Confirm</b> if the client meets the case definition by completing the appropriate client line lists (e.g., SHR and Affiliate IPC Policy and Procedure Manual; LTC GI and Respiratory Outbreak Manuals) with information from the client and the client chart. Staff line lists are provided to department managers by OH&S for Acute, Rural Acute, and LTC owned and operated sites during an outbreak.
3.	<u>Unit or Facility Initiated Activities</u> <b>Acute and Rural Acute: Confirm</b> if there is an outbreak by reviewing the information on the client line lists with the appropriate SHR and Affiliate IP&C outbreak policy definitions <b>LTC: Confirm</b> if there is an outbreak by reviewing the Public Health "Don't Wait - Isolate" poster for outbreak definitions for Gastrointestinal or Respiratory.
4.	<u>Unit or Manager Initiated Activities</u> <b>Acute and Rural Acute: Call</b> the appropriate contact using the IPC Outbreak Call List to discuss the information gathered and next steps. <b>LTC: Call</b> CDC nurse at 306-655-4612 and ICP at 306-655-3813. Refer to the LTC outbreak manuals for Gastrointestinal or Respiratory on SHR external website for ongoing management.