



Criteria for a Site Visit During an Outbreak

An outbreak site visit will be completed at the request of the Long Term Care Home, direction of the Medical Health Officer and/or the discretion of the Infection Control Professional responsible for that home.

The Infection Control Professional will consider the following criteria when determining if an onsite visit is required.

1. After consulting with the Director of Care (DOC), Clinical Lead or designate regarding the current situation and the IPC measures required, it is determined that support is needed, there is non-compliance, or difficulty in applying the checklist. A few examples may be, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Additional support in determining what contact area needs enhanced cleaning.
 - Staff routinely not using or understanding the need for the PPE required for the situation (ie: goggles for droplet precautions; mask for assisting with person who is vomiting).
 - Unable to find ways to increase opportunities for hand hygiene.
 - Not following suggested laundry procedures (ie: re-wearing of a gown to sort soiled laundry).
 - Not cohorting staff during work routines or for breaks.
 - Support to determine which cleaning products to use and the dilution necessary.
 - Opposition to or difficulty understanding the need to close an area (ie: common coffee servery; hair salon).
 - DOC &/or staff have no experience with outbreak management or have not handled an outbreak in the last 2-3 years.
2. Difficulty organizing an outbreak committee (if required).
3. The number of ill residents/patients/staff spike after a full incubation period in which infection control measures have been instituted.
4. There are **new cases** continuing after or 2 incubation periods or 10 days.
5. Second outbreak at the same home within the outbreak season.
6. Outbreak involving a new or unusual organism or disease, an antibiotic resistant organism or scabies.

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