

6.2	Post notices on the door of ill res./pat. advising visitors to check in at the nursing station before entering. <i>See section 16.0 for Visitor Control Measures.</i>		
7.0	Hand Hygiene	Reviewed	N/A
7.1	Reinforce the " 4 moments of hand hygiene ". Clean hands with 70-90% alcohol-based hand rub, if hands are not visibly dirty. Wash hands with soap and water when hands are visibly dirty.		
8.0	PPE	Reviewed	N/A
8.1	Use PPE as per PIDAC's Routine Practices and Additional Precautions in all Health Care Settings . Note: Wear a mask and eye protection to protect from splashes if a res./pat. has explosive diarrhea or projectile vomiting. Staff must have completed res./pt. care & be at least a 2 metre distance from res./pt. before any PPE is removed. Hand hygiene is performed as PPE is put-on and removed. Housekeeping staff are included when cleaning rooms of res./pt. on "Additional Precautions" as outlined above.		
9.0	Additional Precautions	Reviewed	N/A
9.1	Type of Precautions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Until COVID-19 is ruled out*: Symptomatic res./pat. are to be restricted to their rooms and placed on Droplet/Contact Precautions. After COVID-19 has been ruled out: Symptomatic res./pat. are to be restricted to their rooms and placed on Contact Precautions, if Norovirus or no causative agent is identified. <p><i>Note: If a causative agent other than Norovirus is identified, refer to Appendix 2: Routine Practices, Additional Precautions, and reporting requirements for selected pathogens or conditions associated with gastroenteritis outbreaks for the type of precautions required.</i></p>		
9.2	When to Discontinue Precautions: Additional Precautions can be discontinued 48 hours after symptoms have resolved, if Norovirus or no causative agent is identified. <i>Note: If a causative agent other than Norovirus is identified, refer to Appendix 2: Routine Practices, Additional Precautions, and reporting requirements for selected pathogens or conditions associated with gastroenteritis outbreaks for when to remove Additional Precautions.</i>		
9.3	Roommates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Until COVID-19 is ruled out*: Roommates of cases should also be placed on Droplet Contact Precautions. Once COVID is ruled out: Roommates can be released from DCP so long as asymptomatic, but should remain on the affected unit. 		
10.0	Environmental Cleaning	Reviewed	N/A
10.1	Ensure high touch surfaces are cleaned at least twice per day. Ensure a broad spectrum virucidal disinfectant with a DIN (effective against non-enveloped viruses such as Norovirus and Rotavirus) is being used. If Clostridium Difficile is identified, ensure the disinfectant is a sporicidal. Disinfectant used: _____ Contact Time: _____		
10.2	If possible, dedicate equipment to ill res./pat. If equipment cannot be dedicated, disinfect shared res./pat. equipment between each use according to the manufacturer's instructions for use & PIDAC's Best Practices for Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization of Medical Equipment/Devices and discard disposable equipment.		
11.0	Cohorting	Reviewed	N/A
11.1	Staff and res./pat. from outbreak affected areas and non-outbreak affected areas should not mix. Minimize movement between areas as much as possible.		
12.0	Admissions and Transfers	Reviewed	N/A
12.1	New admission to an outbreak area(s) is not recommended. Exceptions to be discussed with TPH.		
12.2	Re-admission of cases from an to an outbreak area(s) is allowed.		
12.3	Re-admission of non-cases to an outbreak area is generally not advised. If required, re-admission should be done in accordance with the MOHLTC Transfer and Return Algorithm .		
12.4	Res./pt. (case and non-case) transfers to other LTCHs/RHs are not recommended. Exceptions to be discussed with TPH.		
12.5	Outbreak facility must notify the receiving facility and other appropriate healthcare partners [e.g., Home and Community Care Support Services (LHIN), ACF]] before transferring any res./pt. (case or non-case) from an outbreak facility/area(s). Send res./pt. with the TPH Outbreak Transfer Notification Form .		
13.0	Absences and Leaves	Reviewed	N/A
13.1	Temporary leaves for residents from an outbreak affected area to a private home are acceptable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure family is aware of outbreak and outbreak related symptoms. If the res./pt. becomes ill and is transferred to ACF/CCC, family should inform the ACF/CCC that the res./pt. is from an OB facility. See 12.2 and 12.3 for readmission recommendations. 		
13.2	Reschedule non-urgent medical appointments. Urgent appointments may continue with precautions (clean hands prior to leaving facility; EMS, Wheel-Trans and receiving facility must be advised). Non-medical absences such as shopping and hair appointments should be rescheduled as much as possible.		
13.3	Well residents in non-affected areas of the home may continue their activities, including absences.		

