

Initial Exposure/Outbreak Control Measures

The purpose of the *Initial Exposure/Outbreak Control Measures* is to guide facilities in the minimum initial control measures to implement when there is a new confirmed case or cluster of cases. Your TPH Liaison may give you additional instructions that are different from the information below, based on the specific situation.

1. Contact TPH about your new case or cluster of cases.
2. Post notification signage
 - Exposure: [Exposure Alert](#) notification signage (facility discretion).
 - Outbreak: Post [OB Alert](#) signage.
3. Place the following residents in Droplet/Contact Precautions:
 - positive and/or ill residents
 - residents with a high risk exposure (regardless of vaccination status)
 - residents with a low risk exposure who have not yet received 3 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine or are overdue for their 4th dose
4. Ensure positive and/or ill staff are not working
5. PCR test all ill staff and residents for COVID-19
 - TPH will advise which resident(s) to MRVP test
6. Long-term care homes (LTCHs)
 - Exposure: Cohort exposed residents to the affected area. Cohort direct care staff to the affected area.
 - Outbreak: Cohort all staff and residents to the affected area.
7. For new admissions, re-admissions, transfers, absences, and leaves see [Directive #3](#) (LTCHs) or [Retirement Homes Policy to Implement Directive #3](#) (retirement homes)
8. Reinforce hand hygiene, [PPE use](#), and active symptom surveillance (including temperature checks for residents), and [environmental cleaning](#).