

## INFECTION CONTROL INSTITUTIONAL CHECKLIST ENTERIC OUTBREAK

- Begin line listing for all resident and employee cases. Update daily and fax line listing form to the Health Unit liaison.
- Reinforce importance of hand hygiene.
- Review basic hygiene principles.
- Consider limiting each visitor to one resident only. Have the visitor leave the building as soon as the visit ends.
- Limit or postpone new admissions and transfers. Consultation with EOHU is required.
- Implement cohort nursing; keep staff assigned to one area during outbreak.
- Isolate symptomatic residents/clients until 48 hrs post symptoms; exclude symptomatic employees until 48 hrs post symptoms.
- Increase routine disinfecting and cleaning with special attention to common touch surfaces such as door handles, handrails, sinks and toilets.
- Ensure proper use of disinfectant solution; respect contact time of product.
- Immediately clean and disinfect surfaces contaminated with feces or vomitus.
- Ensure appropriate signage at all entrances and in strategic locations within the institution.
- Cancel all group activities and outings.
- Consider temporary suspension of part-time staff working in other institutions or advise that they refrain from working elsewhere.
- In addition to routine practices, implement contact precautions (gloves and possibly gowns if caregiver clothes will be soiled). Equip the isolation room with an in-room container for PPE disposal.
- Handle soiled linen and clothing with care.

**Note:** Additional control measures may be recommended depending on etiology of the outbreak. It is imperative that specimens be obtained to facilitate identification of the causative agent.

