

# Enteric and Respiratory Outbreak Quick Reference

Suspect Enteric Outbreak Definition	Suspect Respiratory Outbreak Definition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two suspected cases of infectious gastroenteritis in a specific area, such as a home, unit, or floor within 48 hours</li> <li style="text-align: center;">~or~</li> <li>When more than one unit has a case of gastrointestinal illness within 24 hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two cases of Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI) occurring within 48 hours in a geographic area (e.g. unit, floor)</li> <li style="text-align: center;">~or~</li> <li>More than one unit having a case of ARI within 48 hours</li> <li style="text-align: center;">~or~</li> <li>One laboratory-confirmed case of influenza</li> </ul>
Suspect an Outbreak?	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start line lists: one for residents and one for staff.</li> <li>Contact your SMDHU liaison, as early in the day as possible, or ext. 5925 at 705-721-7520 to consult.</li> <li>Fax the line list to 705-725-8007 for discussion with your liaison</li> <li>Create a case definition with your liaison.</li> <li>Implement Outbreak Control Measures.</li> <li>Collect specimens: Enteric: Use outbreak stool kit, fill all containers Respiratory: Use Nasopharyngeal (NP) Swabs.</li> <li>Fill out lab requisition and obtain an outbreak number from the liaison.</li> <li>Arrange with liaison for specimen pick up to go to the Public Health Laboratory.</li> <li>Ensure adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is available for staff and visitors.</li> <li>Notify partners: CCAC, nursing agencies, local hospital ER and the ICP.</li> </ol>	
Outbreak Control Measures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolate ill residents in their rooms and exclude ill staff and volunteers from work</li> <li>Enteric: 48 hours symptom free or in consultation with ICP or SMDHU liaison</li> <li>Respiratory: 5 days from onset of symptoms or when symptoms have resolved whichever is shorter</li> <li>Increase hand hygiene practice for residents and staff</li> <li>Enhance cleaning and disinfecting of all commonly touched surfaces</li> <li>Post outbreak signage at all entrances to the facility and outside each isolated room</li> <li>Limit visitors from entering the facility or affected unit</li> <li>Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) gloves, gowns, and/ or masks when entering an ill resident's rooms</li> <li>Cohort staff providing care to ill residents</li> <li>Reschedule non-urgent appointments and notify receiving facility that you are in an outbreak</li> <li>Cancel communal activities and meetings</li> <li>Dedicate non-critical resident care equipment to ill residents (i.e. commode)</li> <li>Provide health teaching to staff and residents regarding outbreak control measures</li> <li>Hold Outbreak Management Team meetings daily</li> </ol>	

### SMDHU Contact Numbers

**Days (between 0830 hrs—1630 hrs): 705-721-7520 ext. 5925**

**After hours On-Call (between 1630 hrs—0830 hrs.)**

**Weekends and Holidays: 1-888-225-7851.**