

Outbreak Communication

	Date of Report:	Outbreak Type:	Causative Agent:	End Date:		
# of active resident cases:	September 29, 2023	⊠Respiratory □Enteric HOMEWIDE	COVID-19	TBD		
19	Case Definition: any staff or resident of Fairhaven LTC who develops symptoms consistent with COVID 19 and/or test positive for COVID 19 on or after 09/15/2023					

	RSSC	RS2	RS3	RS4	WV2	WV3	WV4	WV5
Sick			15	2	1		1	0
Resolved			11	0	0		0	4
TOTAL			26	2	1		1	4
COVID +			19	2	1		1	2

ACTION PLAN:

- All staff and visitors entering the affected areas must wear an N95 respirator.
- N95 & eye protection are required to enter an ill resident's room (for any length of time) – for both confirmed and suspected cases. This is for visitors and staff.
- Eye protection is required when within 6 feet of an ill resident.
- Extended use of N95 is permitted under certain conditions.
- N95 will be stored on the PPE carts at the entrance to each RHA.
- Ill residents will be isolated using Droplet/Contact precautions. This requires a commode at the bedside is sharing a bathroom.
- STAFF COHORT: Full-time/regular staff will care for ill
 residents as much as is reasonably possible. The RPN will
 dedicate two staff to care for isolated residents at the start of each
 shift.
- Ill residents must be isolated and tested.
- Staff who work in the affected area are not permitted to work in another healthcare setting for the duration of the outbreak.
- PPE must be donned before entering the resident's room and removed before exiting.
- Adhere to the 4 Moments for Hand Hygiene.
- Staff MUST perform a symptom self-assessment prior to reporting to work as per policy.
- Equipment must be cleaned/disinfected between each resident use with a hospital-grade disinfectant (Oxivir TB).
- Admissions/readmissions to O/B areas will be postponed.
- Routine practices must be applied to every episode of care.
 Perform a Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) prior to EVERY interaction with EVERY resident. If Additional Precautions are in place, ensure the additional precautions are followed.
- Residents who leave the RHA (to smoke, for example) must wear
 a surgical mask and proceed directly outside. Help residents put on
 a mask and clean their hands before leaving and upon return.
- All non-emergent resident appointments will be rescheduled.
- Programs will be RHA-based for outbreak areas with no crossportering. No ill residents may attend programs.
- Stock PPE caddies as indicated on the back of this alert without exception.





