Congregate Living COVID-19 Outbreak Checklist

Congregate living settings are particularly vulnerable to rapid spread of COVID-19. One case that is acquired in a congregate living setting is defined as an outbreak. If your facility discovers that either a staff member or resident is diagnosed with COVID-19, it is critical to take the following steps:

- Notify the following people:
  - Family and guardians
  - Staff and residents that there is an active case (without violating HIPAA)
  - Case managers and/or funders as required
- Isolate the individual diagnosed with COVID-19. See the CDC guidelines for isolation.
- Report the case to your local public health department.
- Quarantine and test individuals within your facility according to current state requirements.
- Make sure you are reporting your building’s data in REDCap, our region’s surveillance system.

Unable to safely Isolate Resident?

- Consider a transfer to a regional Healthcare Isolation Center using approved transportation providers who can transport to an HCIC.

Are you sending more than one resident to a hospital?

- Contact the hospital to give them a warning of patient transfer, and how many patients to expect.

Testing Resources:

- If located in Hamilton County, you can either request on-site strike team testing or access a public testing event through Test and Protect.
- If located in Adams, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Highland, or Warren County, you can either request on-site strike team testing or schedule a testing appointment using through HealthSource of Ohio.
- If you located in Butler County, contact the General Health District to arrange testing help call 513-863-1770 8-4 M-F or 1-877-774-4636 after hours.

Staffing Capacity Problems?

- If you have insufficient staffing resources to safely care for residents, contact the Bridge Team.

When can the resident be safely removed from COVID 19 isolation?

- CDC Guidance on discontinuation of transmission-based precautions.

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