NO

\*Note: steps 1 to 3 may occur concurrently

YES

Does the resident have <u>new and unexplained</u>

respiratory symptoms not attributed to an
underlying medical condition (e.g., COPD,
allergies, etc.)?

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm: Call 519-258-2146 ext. 1420 After hours:

Call 519-973-4510

Two or more residents with ARI symptom onset within a 48-hour period with an epilink?

WECHU does not need to be notified. Follow steps 3, 4 & 5.

NO

No further action required.
If the resident develops new or worsening symptoms, go back to step 1.

Fax Line List to 519-977-5097. Line lists will be followed up by the CDOT team during business hours.

• The ill resident should be placed on additional precautions in a private room. If a private room is unavailable, implement additional precautions and the following measures: 1) draw the curtain 2) dedicate equipment 3) encourage masking 4) ensure adequate ventilation.

YES

- The roommate (if applicable) should be placed on additional precautions while awaiting lab results for the ill resident.
- Non-roommate close contacts should be monitored daily for symptoms, wear a mask when receiving care and when outside their room, and physically distance from others while awaiting lab results for the ill resident.
- Use droplet contact precautions when providing direct care or interacting within 2 metres of the ill resident/close contact:
   Medical mask, eye protection, gown and gloves.
- Review <u>Recommendations for Outbreak Prevention and</u>
   <u>Control in Institutions and Congregate Living Settings</u> and
   WECHU <u>Outbreak Quick Guide 5.0</u> for specific IPAC measures.

 Place the resident on additional precautions for 24 hours to monitor for new or worsening symptoms.

UNCERTAIN

- **Consult** with the resident's physician or nurse practitioner for an assessment.
- Use droplet contact precautions when providing direct care or interacting with the resident: Medical mask, eye protection, gown and gloves.
- If new or worsening symptoms develop, go back to step 1.
- If no new or worsening symptoms develop and/or if there is an alternate, non-infectious diagnosis, additional precautions may be discontinued and testing is not required.
- Collect a nasopharyngeal (NP) swab for FLUVID or Multiplex Respiratory Virus PCR (MRVP) testing. You may collect up to four MRVP swabs per outbreak (swab the most symptomatic residents).
- Complete a **COVID-19 & Respiratory Virus Test Requisition**. Use your facility's medical director as the ordering provider.
  - Ensure "COVID-19 and Respiratory Viruses" is checked off in **box 5** and specify test requested (e.g. FLUVID or MRVP).
- Ensure <u>ALL fields are completed</u>. Resident demographics on the requisition must match the demographics on the specimen container.
- Submit specimens to the lab for testing ASAP.

Refer to Recommendations for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Institutions and Congregate Living Settings.

- Case Management: Page 51.
- Contact Management: Page 52.
- Antivirals: Consult with resident's physician or nurse practitioner.

Review the WECHU <u>Outbreak Quick Guide 5.0</u> for a summary of IPAC measures.

It is the facility's responsibility to follow and implement all measures as set out in the <u>Recommendations for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Institutions and Congregate Living Settings</u> (February 2025, or as current). If there are any discrepancies between this document and the guidance, the directions from the guidance should be followed. Consult WECHU for outbreak questions.