

Winter outbreaks (Respiratory illness): Infection prevention and control preparedness for healthcare facilities



For full policies and procedures, refer to sahealth.sa.gov.au

PREPARE		RESPOND			EVALUATE
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY – OCT	NOV – DEC
<p>Infection Prevention and Control strategies and staff education including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand hygiene • Cough etiquette • Personal protective equipment (PPE) including surgical or fit tested PFR 	<p>Response capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify single rooms and bed management plan • Review SA Health Bed Management Toolkit • Check PPE and testing supplies • Check vaccination status of staff 	<p>Staff education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory illness response • Infection control refresher (e.g. hand hygiene, cough etiquette, PPE) 	<p>Commence vaccination campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence staff, client/patient vaccinations • Check SA Health advice for exact commencement date 	<p>Respiratory illness prevention and control measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory illness prevention and control measures in response to increasing cases • Active case finding and control 	<p>Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate effectiveness of infection prevention and control measures
<p>Surveillance systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available surveillance systems • Reporting and monitoring mechanisms 	<p>Communication plan and document templates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily bulletins, briefs and flowcharts • Liaise with ED regarding rapid assessment, treatment and admission 	<p>Admission plan/patient flow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review patient/client journey/pathways 	<p>PPE supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure adequate supplies • Ensure adequate storage 	<p>Policy and procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to national and state guidelines and resources • Continue to action in response to cases 	<p>Analyse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outbreak and surveillance data report according to local systems • Any incidence(s) via local reporting systems
<p>Outbreak governance structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outbreak management team • Multi-disciplinary team (i.e. hotel service and cleaning etc) • Update contact information and flowcharts 	<p>Attend SA Health planning meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Outbreak Preparedness Seminar • Immunisation Workshop (if applicable) 	<p>Refer to SA Health respiratory information and surveillance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable information sahealth.sa.gov.au/NotifiableDiseaseReporting • Surveillance charts sahealth.sa.gov.au/SurveillanceNotifiableConditions 	<p>Bed management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider proactive rounding and active case finding • Infection control to assist with bed management • Isolation of cases 	<p>Respiratory notifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify the Communicable Disease Control Branch of outbreaks Tel: 1300 232 272 	<p>Action plan review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate any identified actions into your healthcare facility's plan ready for next year's season
<p>Policy and procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review policies and procedures • National and State guidelines, available at: sahealth.sa.gov.au/flu 	<p>Patient information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review consumer information sheets • Partner with consumers 	<p>Respiratory illness prevention initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor for any increase in cases • Review client/patient care policy and procedures • Deploy respiratory and PPE stations 	<p>Respiratory illness prevention and control measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor for any increase in cases and action • Communicate actions (e.g. hand hygiene, respiratory and PPE stations) 	<p>Infection control advice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek advice from your local Infection Prevention and Control Coordinator or • Infection Control Service Tel: (08) 7425 7161 	<p>Next year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin preparedness for next year • Restock outbreak kits (as applicable)

For more information

National: health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-flu-guidelines.htm
 SA: sahealth.sa.gov.au/flu
sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID-19