

Winter outbreaks (Influenza):

Infection prevention and control preparedness for healthcare facilities

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



PREPARE		RESPOND			EVALUATE
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY - OCT	NOV - DEC
<p>Infection Prevention & Control strategies and staff education including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Hand hygiene > Cough etiquette > Personal protective equipment (PPE) including mask fit testing 	<p>Response capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Identify single rooms & bed management plan > Check supplies > Check staffing 	<p>Staff education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Influenza outbreak response > Infection control refresher (e.g. hand hygiene, cough etiquette, PPE) 	<p>Commence vaccination campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Staff and patients/residents to commence vaccination > Check local advice for exact commencement date 	<p>Influenza prevention and control measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Influenza prevention & control measures in response to increasing cases (if occurring) > Active case finding & control 	<p>Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Evaluate effectiveness of infection prevention & control measures
<p>Surveillance systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Check surveillance systems > Reporting and monitoring mechanisms 	<p>Communication plan & document templates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Daily bulletins, briefs & flowcharts > Liaise with ED – regarding rapid assessment, treat & admission plans (if applicable) 	<p>Admission plan/patient flow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Review patient 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 respond to cases 	<p>Analyse data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Outbreak and surveillance data > Safety Learning System/incidents
<p>Outbreak governance structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Outbreak team > Multi-disciplinary team (i.e. hotel service & cleaning etc) > Update contact information and flowcharts 	<p>Attend SA Health planning meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Winter Outbreak Preparedness meeting > Immunisation Workshop (if applicable) 	<p>Review SA Health influenza information & surveillance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Notifiable information www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/NotifiableDiseaseReporting > Surveillance charts www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SurveillanceNotifiableConditions 	<p>Bed management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Consider proactive rounding & active case finding > Infection control to assist with bed management > Isolation of cases 	<p>Influenza notification</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 improvement actions into your healthcare facility plan ready for next year's season
<p>Policy and procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Check influenza policies and procedures > National & State guidelines, available at: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/influenza 	<p>Patient information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Review patient information sheets > Partnering with consumers 	<p>Influenza prevention initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Monitor for any increase in cases > Review patient care policy & procedure > Deploy influenza equipment/PPE stations 	<p>Influenza prevention & control measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Monitor for any increase in cases > Respond to cases > Communicate actions (e.g. hand hygiene, influenza stations & PPE) 	<p>Infection control advice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Seek advice from your local Infection Prevention & 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 (if in use/applicable)

For more information

National: www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-flu-guidelines.htm

SA: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/influenza

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