

Viral respiratory outbreak flowchart:

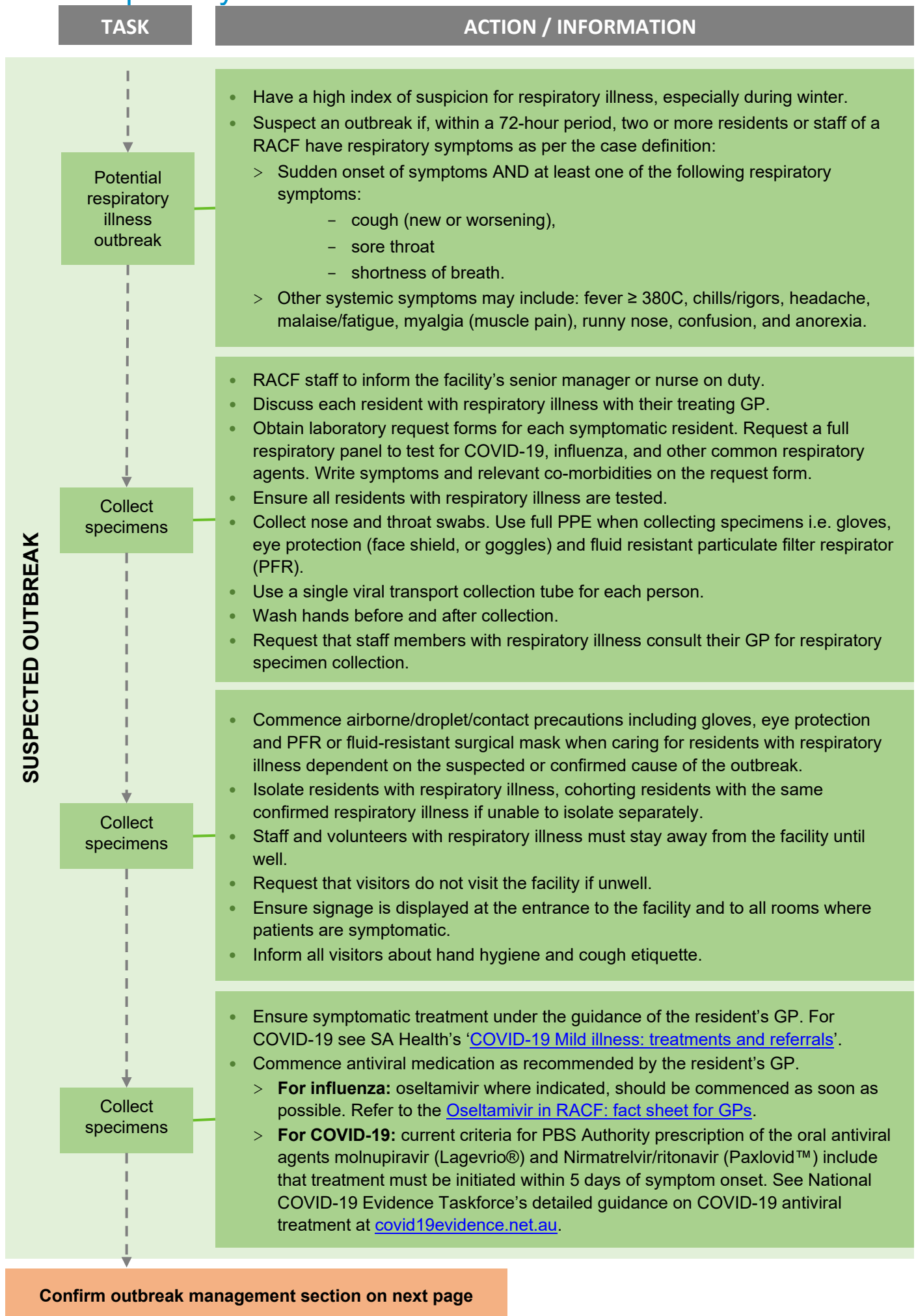
Guide for the prevention and management in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF) in South Australia

This flowchart is intended for use within residential aged care facilities in South Australia in conjunction with national resources; refer to [CDNA website](#).

TASK	ACTION / INFORMATION
<p>Plan for an outbreak</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a residential aged care facility (RACF) respiratory illness outbreak plan. • Review the outbreak plan annually prior to the influenza season. • Ensure all staff and general practitioners (GPs) are aware of the outbreak plan. • Be aware many viruses can cause respiratory illness (e.g. influenza A and B, RSV, SARS-CoV-2 (which causes COVID-19)). • Involve GPs in respiratory outbreak management planning. • Encourage GPs to consider a clinical care plan for each resident, in conjunction with the resident/family, and the appropriateness of the use of disease specific antivirals. See “Suspected Outbreak” section below for treatment options.
<p>Vaccinate all residents and staff against influenza & COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all staff, residents and volunteers are aware of the importance of COVID-19 and annual influenza vaccination • Offer all staff and volunteers annual influenza vaccination on site at times that cater for all shifts. • Ensure all residents are offered influenza vaccination annually and COVID-19 vaccination as recommended by ATAGI. • Ensure compliance with mandatory COVID-19 and influenza vaccination requirements as per the Emergency Management (Residential Aged Care Facilities No 49) (COVID 19) Direction 2022. • Create a list of staff and residents by influenza and COVID-19 vaccination status; ensure it is kept updated and accessible.
<p>Infection control preparedness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide annual infection control training to all staff that includes information about respiratory illnesses (including influenza and COVID-19). • Ensure hand washing facilities or alcohol-based hand rubs are available near point of care and encourage frequent and appropriate hand hygiene. • Ensure adequate stock of all personal protective equipment (PPE) and specimen collection equipment. • Ensure signage is available for use in the event of respiratory illness outbreak. • Consider how case isolation will be managed. • Develop contingency staffing plans in event of staff illness outbreak.
<p>Suspected outbreak section on next page</p>	

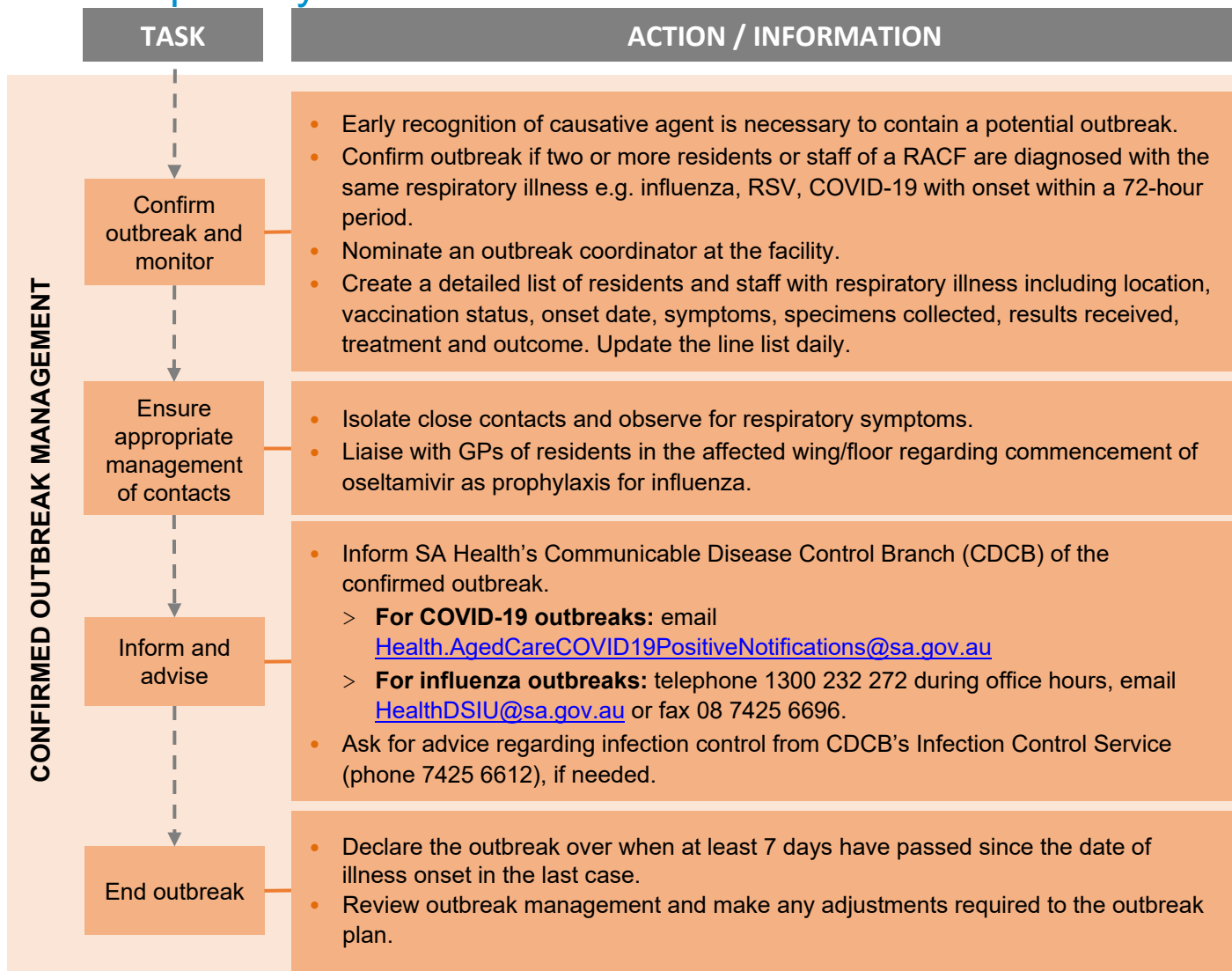
OUTBREAK PREPAREDNESS

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SUSPECTED OUTBREAK

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For all respiratory illnesses – refer to the [Infectious Disease Summary Table](#) to identify the infectious period.

Acronyms

ATAGI	Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation
CDCB	Communicable Disease Control Branch
COVID-19	coronavirus 2019
Eye protection	face shield or goggles in addition to prescription glasses
GP	general practitioner
PBS	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
RACF	residential aged care facility
RSV	respiratory syncytial virus
SARS-CoV-2	severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2
PFR	particulate filter respirator
PPE	personal protective equipment

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