

# VRI Outbreak Island Health

IPAC/MHO complete investigation and risk assessment:  
**OUTBREAK DECLARED**

Access:

[Outbreak Prevention, Response & Management Playbook](#)

YES

## Staff

Should be directed to follow:  
[VRI Staff Reporting Process and Return to Work Restrictions](#)

## \*Treatment & Prophylaxis for Influenza

For patients within a multi bed room:

- **Long Term Care:** Treatment for positive patients and prophylaxis recommended for exposed
- **Acute Care:** Treatment for positive patients and prophylaxis at MRP discretion for exposed

## Additional Precautions

- All symptomatic patients should be on additional precautions
- Additional Precautions should not impede rehab or mobilisation needs
- Discuss bed closures, admissions, transfers and discharges with OMS
- Patient may go to diagnostic tests wearing a medical-grade mask
- Arrange tray service, cancel communal dining and group activities for affected patients

## Unit Lead/Designate

- Post additional precautions and outbreak signs
- Alert visitors to outbreak, direct them to the nursing station prior to visiting any patient
- Complete [VRI Line List](#)
- Submit updates: ICP (Island Health) or CD Program (Affiliates and Owned & Operated) each morning

## Housekeeping

- Housekeeping will be responsible for **Precaution Plus** cleaning of affected rooms and all common areas
- Refer to [outbreak cleaning guideline](#)

A Viral Respiratory Outbreak will be declared over:

**Island Health Facilities:** by IPAC in collaboration with MM

**Affiliates and Operated:** by the CD Program in collaboration with MHO

\*Treatment for Influenza: 5 day course  
Prophylaxis for Influenza: For the duration of the outbreak  
Please consult ISLH Pharmacist for prescribing information