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Is EPVA one of our corrections units?

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As an FYI status of outbreak at SHNB

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SHNB	EPVA
Total Cases	5
Number of Patients on Unit	15 (+ 2 not currently on unit)
Total Recovered Cases	
Date Outbreak Declared	Feb 6, 2023
Last Exposure	Feb 6, 2023
Day 14 (can change at any point)	Feb 20, 2023
Deaths	n/a
Total hospitalizations	n/a
Next mass test Date	Tues/Sat RAT
Outbreak Number	PNHR-2023-011
Family Presence Level	

Discussion:

- All positive patients have been recovered
- New admission today
- All RAT tests completed today were negative (no refusals)
- Feb 20th - Day 14 is a stat holiday;
 - On Feb 21st The unit will provide an update to IPAC:
 - 1) there are any new patient cases or patients symptomatic and awaiting testing
 - 2) if there are any new positive staff or staff who are symptomatic (and worked in the 48 hrs prior to symptom onset) awaiting testing
 - 3) IPAC will then discuss with MHO

Thanks,

Laurel Pauls, CPHI(C)

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SHNB	EPVA
Total Cases	5
Number of Patients on Unit	14 (+ 2 not currently on unit)
Total Recovered Cases	
Date Outbreak Declared	Feb 6, 2023
Last Exposure	Feb 7, 2023
Day 14 (can change at any point)	TBD
Deaths	n/a
Total hospitalizations	n/a
Next mass test Date	Tues/Sat RAT
Outbreak Number	PNHR-2023-011
Family Presence Level	

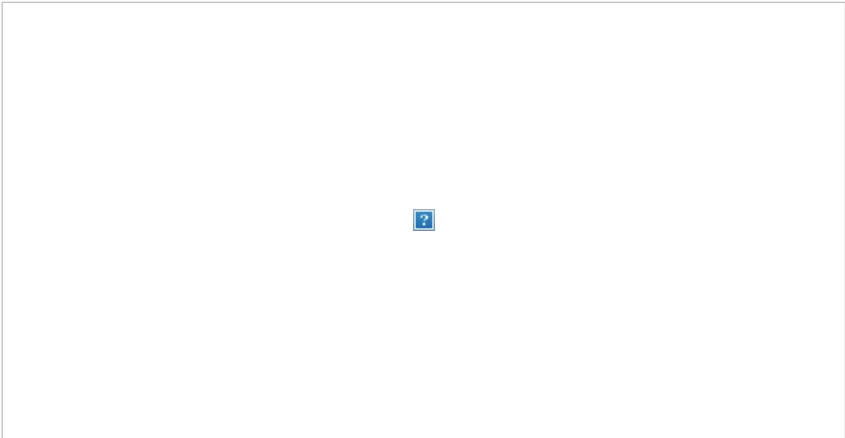
Initial Meeting Discussion Feb 7th :

- The outbreak was declared upon IPAC receiving information that two patients with onsets of Feb 4th tested positive for Covid via RAT and of who would have been present on the unit during their infectious periods
- There was an admission that was planned for Feb 7th and there is a Court ordered Forensic assessment needed for a patient and that needs to occur on ERVB (transfer)
 - The Preference is that if these can be delayed while the outbreak is at its very early stages, that a delay occurs, but it is understood that there are multiple factors and stakeholders to consider in this decision
 - Outcome of
 - New Admission: arrived Feb 7th
 - Transfer: Will be delayed until outbreak is over
- **Patient testing:**
 - Unit wide PCR testing occurred on February 5th

- RAT testing occurred on Feb 4th and Feb 7th
- Close contacts will need to be tested on days 0 and 5 from last exposure to positive case
- Symptomatic patients, place on CD+ precautions, test by PCR and repeat 24 hrs later if negative, add to line list sent to pnrha.itap@saskhealthauthority.ca
- Routine RAT testing should occur 2x weekly (close contacts may be able to omit a test if it falls on same day)
 - Unit preference is for Tuesday/Sat
- **Patient Duration of Precautions:**
 - In addition to the guidelines below, MHO discretion is that after day 5, residents are not required to be on DC+ precautions if they meet criteria, but still recommend social distancing and masking for up to 10 days. If the resident is unable to distance/mask in common areas, it is recommended they remain in their room until day 10 or have supervised/controlled outings from the room in which social distancing can be achieved.



- **Patient PPE and Movement**

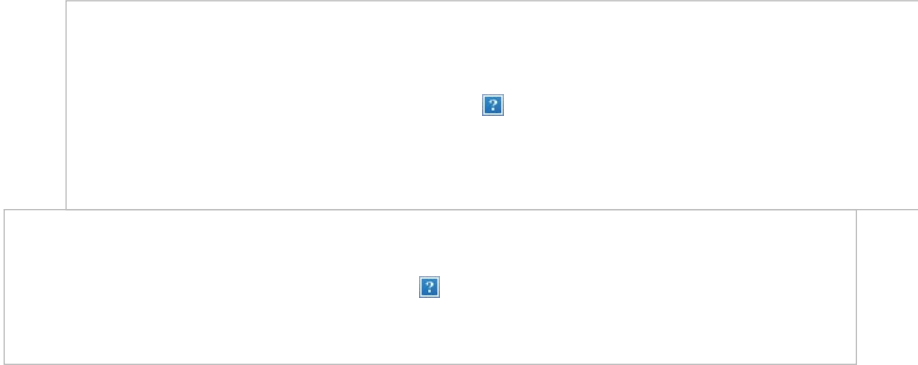


- Note: Close contacts are not required to be on CD+ precautions if remaining asymptomatic but do need to be line listed and monitored for 10 days from last exposure
- Remind patients to perform hand hygiene and practice good respiratory hygiene
- See Outbreak Document Section 6.9 – If a patient is transferred to acute care or (Transport on CD+ and remain on CD+ precautions for 10 days from leaving outbreak area if remaining in acute care for that duration)
- **Staff Testing**
 - Staff should perform initial surveillance test by RAT if they have worked in the week prior to the outbreak being declared
 - Staff should continue to test by RAT 2x weekly for the duration of the outbreak
- **Symptomatic Staff**
 - Add to line list and continue to send to pnrha.itap@saskhealthauthority.ca if any new staff are added (initial line lists have been received)
 - Utilize Healthcare Workforce Screening & Return to Work Questionnaire
 - <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/system/files/2023-01/Screening-Tool-and%20Questionnaire-QandS-HCW-Screening-and%20Return-to-Work.pdf>

- **Staff PPE**

- Eye Protection in an Outbreak:
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Note about N95 Use with CD+ Precautions:



- **Staff Cohorting**
 - See Section 6.8 of outbreak Document https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/system/files/2021-06/CV-19-G0110-Outbreak-Guidance-LTC_0.pdf
- **Cleaning**
 - See Section 7.4 regarding enhanced cleaning of the unit, precautions room, and upon discontinuation of precautions

Outbreak will be assessed 14 days from last exposure assuming 2x weekly RAT testing

Meetings will be: Tuesdays @ 3PM

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