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Subject: RE: COVID-19 Testing Monitoring and Outbreak Summary Report 2021-03-08

Hi Jenn,

I agree with emily's comments and added a minor comment below in blue.

Best wishes,

Olivia

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Hi Jenn,
This looks good to me.

Also, among staff we heard mention of sharing of and lack of sanitizing common surfaces (radio, phone, keyboard).

I would also caution against saying 'this outbreak is nearing the end' (highlighted) – although this is a working theory and Outbreak 1 has slowed significantly, the most recent case was detected among the 'outbreak 1' transplant population. We are still trying to understand and draw lines around the 'two outbreaks.'

Thanks,
Emily

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Emily, Olivia, Dan,

Can you have a quick review and send me your comments.

Commissioner,

The epi team and the EOC together with the site have been digging into this.

For Archambault, we believe there was only one point of introduction for COVID – [REDACTED]. That, with the aggressive testing and lock down has so far contained this outbreak as good as can be expected giving the communal housing arrangements.

For Drumheller, the Epi team and EOC working theory based on the work done today is that we have two outbreaks happening simultaneously with the second just recently having started (end Feb/early March).

The first outbreak started in Unit 9 and was contained to unit 9 and two ranges on unit 11 (where we moved groups of inmates from Unit 9 due to population pressures of new intakes – this was done through the EOC, with inmates undergoing multiple negative tests and these two ranges were tightly isolated). This outbreak is nearing the end.

The recent increase in cases are from the previously unimpacted ranges in unit 11, Unit 8 and Unit 10. We believe this is likely a new outbreak from new introduction of COVID 19 in unit 11. There is a cluster of COVID positive staff (19) many who worked in unit 11 or were linked to unit 11 and almost exclusively CX. The tracing indicated that a couple of staff likely worked with mild covid symptoms and that staff regularly did not wear masks or face shields when together when management was not present. Lots of taking off masks to eat and drink together, have breaks together as well as some carpooling.

Complicating this is the report from the nursing staff at Drumheller that patients on unit 11 report purposely hiding illness and trying to get infected. The patients reported to health care that there was one inmate in unit 11 who was sick (but not sick enough to be obvious) and the consensus among the population was to try to purposely infect themselves (ie: share items/be in close contact) in order to get COVID and get it over with as soon as possible. This likely contributed to the quick spread in unit 11.

We are still investigating how COVID 'jumped' from staff to the inmates in unit 11, 8 and 10. There is some staff crossover between those units we believe but that does not explain how it effected the inmate population. We have not so far, found a use of force or staff sharing meals/having coffee with inmates etc that explained other outbreaks. We likely won't ever find the answer to this and it is possible it is small breaches in PPE when staff were working with inmates that was the cause.

Lastly, at this point we don't believe it is a variant. Alberta is screening for variants and we have not received any notification (and we queried it as well).

We coordinated with AHS to have a public health inspector on site last week. He made some minor tweaks to signage and hand hygiene stations but nothing significant. Red Cross is back on site this week and hopefully that will be more impactful for the site. The site is has hired extra CM coverage to ensure additional supervision of universal protocols. All the other expected measures are in place as well as some creative pieces like placing pylons between cells so the inmates can't fish.

Jenn

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Hi Jennifer,

I note Archambault has a lot fewer cases but Drumheller still has a number of active cases. What is the status?

Thanks.

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“Toute tâche est le reflet de la personne qui l’accomplit. Marquez votre travail du sceau de l’excellence.”

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Good day,

Please find attached COVID-19 Testing Monitoring and Outbreak Summary Report for Mar. 8, 2021.

Note for Comms: our most recent case detected at SMI (not an outbreak) was transferred back to remand after only a few days at the institution.

We’ve removed him from the report entirely.

Sincerely,

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