

Roles and Responsibilities

Influenza Outbreak

**If you consider an outbreak of influenza is likely -
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL
HEALTH PROTECTION TEAM (HPT)**

Your local HPT's phone number

Roles and Responsibilities

✓ Person in charge of care home	
	Ensure ongoing compliance with Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs).
	Report all residents with acute respiratory infections (i.e. suspected influenza) to the GP.
	Report to your HPT if you and the GP are clinically suspicious of two or more cases of acute respiratory infections (i.e. influenza) with onset within seven days of each other.
	Work with the HPT in completing the daily assessments and keeping the HPT updated.
	Ensure that there are sufficient staff available to deal with the residents' needs.
✓ GP	
	Provide clinical assessment to determine outbreak status.
	Provide advice to person in charge of care home to inform HPT.
	Provide continuing clinical assessment of all residents.
✓ Health Protection Team (HPT)	
	Advise on the control measures required and specimens to be collected.
	Offer specific advice regarding treatment and vaccination protocols for residents and staff.
	Advise on discontinuation of control measures and actions prior to re-opening of the care home if closed at any time.

Further information on Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs) and Transmission Based Precautions (TBPs) can be found in the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual:

www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/haic/ic/publicationsdetail.aspx?id=49785

For all the React To Infection resources go to: www.reactto.co.uk