

## MEMO

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**To:** SDO Leadership, Acute Care Facilities

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**Subject:** **COVID-19 Outbreak Protocols for Acute Care Admissions**

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As COVID-19 activity increases, Acute Care Admissions of residents or inpatients from any facility (long term care or acute care) and/or community identified by Public Health and Infection Prevention & Control as having a **confirmed COVID-19 outbreak** and **ongoing COVID-19 transmission** (e.g. new cases occurring beyond those known contacts who have already been isolated) require the following additional precautions.

Outbreak information will be regularly updated at:  
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/providers/covid-19-outbreaks/>

**Please note the following:**

- a. Ensure **ORANGE ZONE** processes are applied and followed upon arrival of all residents transferred or admitted from a setting confirmed to have an active outbreak and ongoing transmission.  
Outbreak information will be regularly updated at:  
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/providers/covid-19-outbreaks/>.
- b. Maintain **ORANGE ZONE** status for at least 10 days, even if asymptomatic. If symptoms develop, obtain a nasopharyngeal specimen.  
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-sop-swab.pdf>  
<https://vimeo.com/398627117/e35232c036>
- c. Maintain these measures until advised to stop by Infection Prevention and Control in consultation with Public Health.
- d. For those individuals already known to be positive for COVID-19, continue to manage with **RED ZONE** processes.