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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide assessment, checklist tools and key point documents to support Residential care facilities in the ongoing preparedness and management of suspected/known COVID-19, Influenza & other Respiratory Infections. During outbreaks, RCF are to follow outbreak management plans and additional guidance from Public Health Departments/IPC as outlined in current guidance *Public Health & Infection Prevention & Control Guidelines on Prevention and Management of Cases and Outbreaks of COVID-19, Influenza & other Respiratory Infections in Residential Care Facilities V1.12 17/07/2023*

This pack is to be used in conjunction with local policies and protocols and regular review of guidance issued by Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) to ensure that there is a system of monitoring of compliance with national guidance.

2.0 Documents

2.1 Infection Prevention and Control key points for management of COVID-19 case Influenza & other Respiratory Infections: recommend this document is laminated and displayed at nurses' station to inform staff and used during safety pauses. (Appendix A1 and A2)

2.2. Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Assessment- COVID-19.: The purpose of this document is to enable facilities to undertake IPC assessment and where required allow for the adaption of local protocols and processes in the context of COVID-19/ Influenza & other Respiratory Infections.

In the event that a no (non-conformance) is identified, a risk assessment to determine additional control measures required is to be progressed. Where an area is unable to resolve locally then risk to be escalated through the governance/line management reporting structure relevant for the facility. (Appendix B)

2.3 Checklist when managing suspected/known COVID 19/Influenza and other respiratory infections detected residents in Residential Care facilities:

The purpose of this document is to enable facilities to ensure that key IPC measures as outlined in the current Public Health & Infection Prevention & Control Guidelines on Prevention and Management of Cases and Outbreaks of COVID-19, Influenza & other Respiratory Infections in Residential Care Facilities V1.12 17.07.2023 linked [here](#), are in place during the management of suspected/known COVID-19, Influenza and other respiratory infection cases within a facility.

In the event that a no (non-conformance) is identified, a risk assessment to determine additional control measures required is to be progressed. Where an area is unable to resolve locally then the risk is escalated through the governance/line management reporting structure relevant for the facility. (Appendix C)

2.4 Checklist for COVID-19/Influenza Trolley: The purpose of this document is to enable RCF to prepare and have readily available a COVID -19/Influenza trolley which will contain the minimum level of PPE, documents for use and display and dedicated equipment (Appendix D1 & D2).

2.5 Infection Prevention and Control- COVID-19/Influenza and other respiratory infections spot check Assessment: The purpose of this document is to enable the CNM or nominated clinical staff member in the RCF to undertake daily monitoring of key IPC measures to reduce onward transmission of COVID -19/Influenza and other respiratory infections (Appendix E1 & E2).

2.6 Environmental hygiene checklists terminal clean: The purpose of this checklist is to have a documented process to monitor standards of hygiene during terminal clean (Appendix F).

2.7 Signage for display in facility: Refer to appendix G for type of posters for display in facility and additional posters are accessible on HPSC website [here](#)

3.0 Appendices

3.1 Appendix A: Infection Prevention and Control key points for management of COVID-19/ Influenza & other Respiratory Infections



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Appendix A1 Covid I



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3.2 Appendix B: Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Assessment- COVID-19/ Influenza & other Respiratory Infections



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3.3 Appendix C: Checklist when managing suspected/known COVID 19 / Influenza & other Respiratory Infections residents in Residential Care facilities



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3.4 Appendix D1 & D2 : Checklist for COVID-19/Influenza Trolley



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3.5 Appendix E1 & E2: Infection Prevention and Control- COVID-19/ Influenza & other Respiratory Infections spot check Assessment



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3.6 Appendix F: Environmental hygiene checklists terminal clean



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3.7 Appendix G: Posters (Please note that to scroll down when accessing poster pack as pack may contain multiple posters)



COVID pack posters
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Covid Pack Posters
V1.4 Jan 22.pptx



Covid Pack Posters
(3) V1.4 Jan 22.pptx



PPE Version 1.7
August 2023.docx



FFP 2 masks- HOW
TO FIT CHECK.pptx



Flu Poster V1.4 Jan
22.docx

4.0 References

Public Health & Infection Prevention & Control Guidelines on Prevention and Management of Cases and Outbreaks of COVID-19, Influenza & other Respiratory Infections in Residential Care Facilities V1.12 17.07.2023 linked [here](#)

Current recommendations for the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic V2.9 31.03.2023. Implementation Date 19.04.2023 linked [here](#)