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**cc:** Redacted, Medical Director, UAH Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)  
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**From:** UAH Infection Prevention and Control

**RE:** Unit Redacted Parainfluenza Outbreak

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Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) has identified three hospital acquired patient cases of Parainfluenza 3 attributed to Unit Redacted. EI number is pending and the unit will be notified as soon as possible.

The following measures are in place:

- Roommate contacts are on Contact and Droplet precautions for 5 days from last contact.
- For patients who transfer off the unit, place on isolation for 5 days and monitor symptoms and test if indicated
- DSFP/visitor restricted to two per patient
- Continuous masking and eye protection for all staff when entering the unit
- Continuous masking for all visitors when entering the unit

Infection Prevention and Control recommends:

- Closure of alternate care spaces including OCP and hallways
- Symptomatic staff should report respiratory symptoms to their managers and Workplace Health & Safety (WHS). Please direct all staff-related concerns to WHS
- Monitor all staff and patients on Unit Redacted for respiratory symptoms at least twice per day
  - If any patient develops new respiratory symptoms, place on Contact and Droplet precautions and collect an RSV/Influenza test.
  - Symptomatic staff should report respiratory symptoms to their managers and Workplace Health & Safety (WHS). Please direct all staff-related concerns to WHS.
- If a patient requires transfer to another unit for an alternate level of care, contact & droplet precautions should be initiated. This requirement will be reassessed once IPC has determined the outbreak to be under control.
- When patients leave the unit for required testing or treatment, ensure the receiving area is informed about the current outbreak status.

- Patients may be transferred to other facilities and programs as clinically necessary. *Ensure that communication regarding outbreak status of unit and isolation requirements are communicated.*
- Maintain strict adherence to IPC principles, including routine practices for all patients, and the use of additional precautions for symptomatic patients. Excellent attention to hand hygiene moments is essential to prevent transmission.
- Allied health and other staff who work on more than one unit can continue to work on this outbreak unit. They must adhere to all PPE requirements and practice excellent hand hygiene.
- Clean and disinfect all shared equipment between each patient use (i.e. glucose meters, pulse oximeters, commodes, stethoscopes, lifts etc.). Continue to dedicate equipment to isolation rooms.
- Do not overstock isolation carts. Isolation carts should be cleaned and disinfected (inside and outside) if visibly soiled in addition to weekly and upon patient discharge.
- The nourishment center is closed to patients, with access restricted to staff only– staff require hand hygiene prior to accessing the nourishment center.
- Environmental Services will continue with enhanced cleaning measures, which includes twice daily high touch surface cleaning, twice daily cleaning of shared areas, and isolation cleaning for all patients on precautions.
- Updates regarding this outbreak will be communicated via the bi-weekly Site Outbreak Meetings.

Please use the Discontinuation of Contact and Droplet Precautions for Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 tool. <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-21624.pdf>

**If you have any questions, please call IPC at** Redacted

**Thank you for your continued collaboration.**