



Memo to Everyone

Subject: Respiratory Outbreak Over– 7th Floor Ouellette Campus (Medicine)

Date: 1/12/2018

In consultation with the Windsor-Essex County Public Health Unit, the Infection Prevention and Control Department has declared the Influenza B Outbreak on 7th floor at Ouellette Campus **officially over**. The outbreak began around December 26th, 2018, was officially declared on January 3rd, 2018. 4 patients were affected and 5 staff. A new case has not developed since January 4th, 2018.

To prevent future Respiratory Outbreaks the following practices are recommended:

1. Obtain the seasonal influenza vaccine.
2. **Implement Droplet and Contact Precautions at the respiratory illness symptoms.** This means using mask, face protection, gloves and gowns for all contact with symptomatic patients or their environment.
3. Use **Droplet and Contact Precautions** for 3 days with asymptomatic patients presenting from outbreak facilities.
4. Comply with the 4 moments of hand hygiene:
 - Before patient / patient environment contact
 - Before aseptic procedure
 - After body fluid exposure risk
 - After patient / patient environment contact
5. Refrain from eating and drinking in patient care areas.
6. Employees must regularly report Respiratory Illnesses to Employee Health.

Special thanks to the 7th floor staff who worked diligently to control the spread of infection.