

Reporting an Outbreak



Call Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health to report a suspect or confirmed outbreak

-  Phone Daytime: 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4752
-  Email: congregatesetting@wdgpublichealth.ca
-  Phone After Hours, Weekends, Holidays: 1-877-884-8653

Respiratory Symptoms:

- **CASE:** Has the patient/resident had any new and/or worsening respiratory symptoms?
 - Isolate and initiate additional precautions
- **OUTBREAK:** Has there been two or more patients/residents with similar symptoms within the last 48 hours?

Gastrointestinal Symptoms:

- **CASE:** Has the patient/resident had 2 or more episodes of new or unexplained gastrointestinal symptoms? (i.e., vomiting and/or diarrhea in a 24 hour period above what is normal for them)
 - Isolate and initiate additional precautions
- **OUTBREAK:** Has there been two or more patients/residents with similar symptoms within the last 48 hours?

When Calling Provide the Following:

- Number of ill patients/residents
- Symptoms
- Date of symptom onset
- Affected unit, floor, or wing
- Hospitalizations/deaths