Scenarios for Resident Cohorting

This document summarizes approaches and options for how long-term care homes (LTCH) and other congregate living settings (CLS), such as shelters, group homes, and retirement homes (RH) can cohort residents during respiratory virus outbreaks.

During a respiratory virus outbreak, the goal of cohorting is to prevent the transmission of microorganisms from infected residents to well residents. Residents who are infected with the same microorganism, are placed in the same resident care area or room, with staffing assignments restricted to the cohorted group of residents.¹

The following three scenarios provide examples of how to cohort residents.

For more information, please visit the Cohorting in Respiratory Virus Outbreaks or Routine Practices and Additional Precautions in All Health Care Settings.


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