

TRANSFER AND RETURN ALGORITHM FOR USE DURING OUTBREAKS

Communication for Transfer and Return between Long-Term Care Homes and Hospitals After consultation with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, an outbreak is declared within an entire long-term care home or within a long-term care home unit. Resident transfer to hospital is required. The long-term care home prepares the transfer form with the outbreak and line list status. The resident is transferred to the hospital with the transfer form. Patient transfer authorization centre authorization may be required. Inpatient treatment The hospital determines the resident is ready for transfer back to the long-term care home. The hospital notifies the long-term care home of discharge readiness. The long-term care home determines whether the resident is on an outbreak line list. Members of the Outbreak Management Consult with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. Team from the long-term care home and the Eastern Ontario Health Unit should discuss the situation and consider all relevant factors, Transfer the resident back to the long-term care including the following: home. Patient transfer authorization centre • what is the status of the outbreak (attack rate, authorization may be required. severity of illness, length of time since last case) and is it still a threat; • whether the resident will return to an outbreak Transfer and return is completed. affected area of the long-term care home; • medical concerns from the resident's hospital and long-term care home physicians; • whether the resident is protected from the outbreak pathogen through appropriate infection prevention and control measures (for influenza this may include vaccine and/or antivirals); resident/substitute decision-maker has been given information about the return to long-term care home. This list is not exhaustive and is intended to promote dialogue that will result in the most appropriate course of action under difficult circumstances. Transfer the resident Resident stays in the back to the long-term hospital for continued care home. Patient reassessment. transfer authorization

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