

D & V Update Report

Date

Site and Name of Infection Control Nurse	Ward closed	Bays closed (if applicable)	No of Cases Patients and Staff	Date & Time of last case	Possible date for Re-opening. (last case + 48 hours)	No of empty beds closed to admission	Organism/Type of Infection	Infection Control Measures Taken
NMGH Mike Beesley Roz Kaufman								
Royal Oldham Lorraine Durham								
Fairfield Sylvia Maxwell								
Rochdale Ann Taylor								
Care Homes								

During an Outbreak of Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting

If there are 2 or more patients/staff with symptoms of diarrhoea, vomiting or both, report to the Infection Control Team. If this is out of hours report to the bleep holder.

Recommended infection control measures:

- Cohort nurse or isolate symptomatic patients.
- Wear gloves and apron for contact with an affected patient.
- Ensure that hand washing using soap and water is carried out following contact with an infected patient or environment and after removal of gloves and apron. Ensure hand-washing facilities are available for patients to use prior to meals and after using toilet.
- Send samples of faeces to microbiology clearly stating the ward area and ILOG Number in clinical details.
- Affected staff must be excluded from the ward immediately and until 48 hours symptom free. Affected staff may be required to provide faecal samples if experiencing symptoms of diarrhoea.
- Inform all health care workers/visitors/AHPs to ward and emphasise hand washing.
- In the event of ward closure, visiting essential professionals (e.g Physios, OT's, ECG techs etc.) should continue to provide care for patients and if possible to do so at the end of their list.
- Avoid transfer of affected patients to unaffected wards/departments unless medically urgent. If patients are transferred inform staff of condition prior to transfer.
- Restrict visitors.
- Clean/disinfect any spillages of vomit or faeces, promptly, wiping the area with 1,000ppm **Chlorclean**
- Increase the frequency of environmental cleaning using the above solution (twice per day). The domestic supervisor must be informed.
- Commence an individual patient stool chart and a Collective Ward Stool Chart, record date/time when pt has had symptoms of diarrhoea.
- Following ward closure due to an outbreak the ward can only be re-opened after discussion with Infection Control and a full ward clean and curtain change has been undertaken.

IP&C Teams