Actions required for managing (presumed) influenza outbreaks in residential care facilities

**Suspect influenza outbreak**

- Implement additional infection control measures immediately

- Arrange laboratory testing

- Collate information

- Notify Public Health Unit (PHU) (As soon as practicable, but within 24hrs)

- Declare an outbreak and establish Outbreak Management Team (OMT)

**INFORMATION**

- **Trigger for potential influenza outbreak alert**
  Three or more cases of influenza-like-illness within 72 hours.

- **Inform the Infection Control Advisor**
  Name: ____________________________
  Tel: ____________________________
  Email: ____________________________

- **Inform the Public Health Unit**
  Tel: ____________________________
  Fax: ____________________________
  Email: ____________________________

- **Nominate Outbreak Coordinator**
  Name: ____________________________
  Tel: ____________________________
  Email: ____________________________

**Daily monitoring of outbreak progress**

- Update PHU

- End of outbreak

**Report the following events to the PHU within 24 hours:**
  - Admission to hospital of a resident or staff member
  - Death of a resident or staff member

**Notes:** For further clarification of the actions in the flow chart, refer to relevant section of the guidelines (Chapter 5). Several actions may be proceeding simultaneously, especially early in the outbreak.