

Outbreak Preparedness Kit

A kit should be assembled in preparation for any outbreak, be it gastroenteritis, influenza-like illness or any other infectious illness outbreaks. The kit should be clearly marked and located in an area accessible by all staff.

Some items such as cleaning and sanitising chemicals may have expiry dates so a monitoring and replacement system for these items is required (marked*).

Reduce Spread

Adequate supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and cleaning items, including:

- Face masks – N95 particulate masks (for exposure to vomiting cases or cleaning up vomit) and surgical masks
- Disposable gloves
- Disposable gowns or aprons
- Liquid soap and alcohol-based hand sanitiser*
- Paper towels or single use disposable cloths
- Alcohol wipes (min. 70%)*
- Detergents and sanitisers (e.g. Bleach* or other appropriate disinfectant*)
- Containers and bags for holding or disposing of contaminated items
- Sick bags
- Cleaning equipment – spray bottles, buckets, mops, cloths, etc.

Specimen Collection

- Specimen labels and jars
- Biohazard bags

Resources

- Facility plans, policies and procedures relating to infection control
- Disease information resources (available from the PHS)
- Signage for doors

Documentation

- Case logs