

Respiratory illness in care home residents

Think 'could it be flu?'
(Even if the resident has had a flu vaccination, it could still be flu)

Take viral throat swab to test for flu



Yes

Are there other cases?

No

Advise care home to monitor for further cases. Consider if secondary treatment for chest is required.

Take viral throat swabs to test for flu on symptomatic residents (max 5 swabs)



Care home to report to IPC team if 2 or more residents with respiratory illness
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In flu season
Consider commencing antiviral prophylaxis and treatment doses.

Out of flu season
If swabs positive to flu, IPC team to contact NEMS advising commencing antiviral prophylaxis and treatment doses

IPC team manage outbreak and monitor