



TITLE:	SEASONAL INFLUENZA CONTROL	POLICY 10.09
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PURPOSE:

This policy provides guidelines in instances of influenza outbreaks

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Trouves residents, employees and visitors.

POLICY:

In order to minimize the spread of influenza virus infection in our facility, we recommend that all residents and staff shall be vaccinated with the annual flu vaccine. The vaccine can be obtained from the primary care physician or through our scheduled annual visiting nurse flu shot vaccination here in our facility.

PROCEDURE:

Any outbreak of more than ten percent of the resident's population must be reported to the County Health Department, and will follow admission protocol.

- 1) During the outbreak-we will post a sign at the front door, inform the resident's family in writing regarding the epidemic, and deter visitors or families from entering when it is possible.
- 2) Any residents who are running a fever, or have flu symptoms must remain in their apartment until the fever subsides.
- 3) The resident's physician will be informed during the outbreak and the staff will observe infection control procedures, which may include the possible use of protective device, such as masks when caring for a sick resident. We may also use disinfection process using one percent bleach solution with surfaces and Lysol Spray in common areas and hallways. The caregiver team will monitor the resident's condition, and over- all health and safety, while providing a measurable infection control process

EXCEPTIONS:

No exceptions to this policy may be granted without the prior written approval of the Director.

SUPERCEDES:

None