

Memo

To: Long Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes and Congregate Living Settings
From: Infectious Disease & COVID Response Team
Date: July 28, 2022
Re: Updates from the HNHU Infectious Disease & COVID Response Team

Update from Chief MOH:

Please see attached memo from CMOH, Kieran Moore for your review re: COVID-19 Omicron BA.4/BA.5 Transmission Wave Seven. Please share with your team.

In the last few weeks, HNHU has seen an increase in community cases and outbreaks in highest risk settings. Continued due diligence with maintaining and following universal masking policies and other IPAC policies is advised. Continuing with active surveillance and asymptomatic rapid antigen testing as per your ministry guidance remains of importance in early case and outbreak detection.

Multiplex Respiratory Virus Panel (MRVP):

This is just a reminder for LTCHs/RHs to continue to order MRVP, in addition to COVID-19 testing, on all symptomatic, sporadic residents.

To request COVID-19 and respiratory virus testing, check the "COVID-19 Virus AND Respiratory Virus" box in Section 5 on the COVID-19 Test Requisition. Only select one of the three boxes. Ensure "institution" is selected and symptoms are indicated.

How to contact the HNHU ID Team:

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