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Clostridium difficile Cambridge Memorial Hospital Preparedness Plan & Public reporting

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CMH Preparedness

- Infection Control Measures:
 - Patients with symptoms consistent with *C. difficile* are isolated prior to laboratory confirmation of disease
 - CMH policies and procedures meet the current Provincial Infectious Disease Advisory Committee (PIDAC) Best Practice standards
 - Infection control practitioners work closely with nursing and housekeeping staff to ensure infection control practices are followed

CMH Preparedness

- Infection Control
 - Isolation teaching information is provided to staff, students, patients, families and volunteers
 - Hand hygiene education program for all hospital staff with public reporting in April
 - Regional Infection Control Network committee members for development of current practices
 - Current Surveillance practices to monitor microbiology laboratory results
 - Infectious Disease Physician as member of team

CMH Preparedness

- Housekeeping
 - Cleaning protocols follow PIDAC standards
 - “Rescue” cleaning product used on bathrooms of *C.difficile* isolation rooms to kill *C. difficile* spores on sinks, toilets and commodes
 - Staff training on cleaning and isolation procedures
 - Quality Audits of cleaning practices

Summary

- CMH committed to Best Practice in Infection Control
- Strong surveillance and internal vigilance
- Collaborative planning with WWICN, Hospital partners, and Public Health

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