

# Mystery Illness Tabletop Exercise

## Exercise Evaluation Guide

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| <b>Exercise Name:</b> Mystery Illness Tabletop Exercise<br><b>Exercise Date:</b> January 10, 2023 | <b>Organization:</b> _____<br><b>Venue:</b> _____ |
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**Exercise Goal:** This exercise is intended to test facilities’ ability to respond to and identify an emerging unknown respiratory illness. This includes modification of infection prevention and control practices, disease identification and tracking, communication, and prevention and prophylaxis.

**Exercise Scope:** This exercise is a facilitated, virtual tabletop exercise. The exercise is planned for 2 hours and is to be conducted at the player’s facility in collaboration with virtual scenario updates and injects from the Infection Prevention Education Sub-Committee. Players will include participation from Metro long term care facilities, Hennepin County Public Health, Hennepin County Human Services- Long-Term Services and Supports, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Metro Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition. Exercise play is limited to exercise participants. There will be no role players/actors during this exercise.

**Core Capabilities:** Infection prevention and control, internal and external communication plans, responding to an emerging pathogen

### Module 1 – Emerging Symptoms

| Objectives  | Associated Critical Tasks  | Observation Notes and Explanation of Rating | Rating<br>(P, S, M, U) |
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| <b>Objective 1:</b> Prioritize Infection Prevention and Control interventions based on clinical presentation & pathogen identification. | <b>Critical Task 1:</b> Players identify components of IPC practices that may need to be modified. |   |                        |
|   | <b>Critical Task 2:</b> Risk and mitigation tactics are discussed.                                 |   |                        |

### Module 2 – Community Spread

| Objectives | Associated Critical Tasks | Observation Notes and Explanation of Rating | Rating<br>(P, S, M, U) |
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| <b>Objective 1:</b> Prioritize Infection Prevention and Control interventions based on clinical presentation & pathogen identification.                 | <b>Critical Task 1:</b> Players identify components of IPC practices that may need to be modified. |   |                        |
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|   | <b>Critical Task 2:</b> IPC decision-makers are identified or designated.                          |   |                        |
| <b>Objective 4:</b> Promote continuity/ increased awareness of internal Infection Prevention and Control protocols among Long Term Care Facility staff. | <b>Critical Task 3:</b> Potential for community spread is discussed.                               |   |                        |
| <b>Module 3 – Diagnosis Revealed</b>  |  |   |                        |
| Objectives  | Associated Critical Tasks  | Observation Notes and Explanation of Rating | Rating<br>(P, S, M, U) |
| <b>Objective 1:</b> Prioritize Infection Prevention and Control interventions based on clinical presentation & pathogen identification.                 | <b>Critical Task 1:</b> Modification to current IPC practices is discussed based on new diagnosis  |   |                        |
| <b>Objective 3:</b> Implement testing, contact tracing, isolation/quarantine  | <b>Critical Task 1:</b> IPC strategies for addressing the other ill residents is discussed.        |   |                        |

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| protocols, and identify vaccination resources when responding to a new or unknown pathogen.   |  |   |                        |
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| <b>Objective 2:</b> Identify communication priorities including message content, important partners/ stakeholders.  | <b>Critical Task 2:</b> Players identify how they receive relevant medical information from hospital staff |   |                        |
| <b>Module 4-Prophylaxis and Prevention</b>  |  |   |                        |
| Objectives  | Associated Critical Tasks  | Observation Notes and Explanation of Rating | Rating<br>(P, S, M, U) |
| <b>Objective 3:</b><br>Implement testing, contact tracing, isolation/quarantine protocols, and identify vaccination resources when responding to a new or unknown pathogen. | <b>Critical Task 1:</b> Facility describes a process for symptom/illness tracking in residents and staff.  |   |                        |
|   | <b>Critical Task 2:</b> MDH mandated reporting process is described  |   |                        |
|   | <b>Critical Task 3:</b> Process for setting up a vaccination clinic is described.                          |   |                        |

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| <b>Objective 4:</b> Promote continuity/ increased awareness of internal Infection Prevention and Control protocols among Long Term Care Facility staff. | <b>Critical Task 1:</b> Players describe how they will educate staff, visitors, and residents on Strep Pneumo prevention and precautions |                                |
|   |  | <b>Final Capability Rating</b> |

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| Ratings Key                                |
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| <b>P – Performed without Challenges</b>    |
| <b>S – Performed with Some Challenges</b>  |
| <b>M – Performed with Major Challenges</b> |
| <b>U – Unable to be Performed</b>          |

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### RATINGS DEFINITIONS

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| <b>Performed without Challenges (P)</b>    | The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were completed in a manner that achieved the objective(s) and did not negatively impact the performance of other activities. Performance of this activity did not contribute to additional health and/or safety risks for the public or for emergency workers, and it was conducted in accordance with applicable plans, policies, procedures, regulations, and laws.  |
| <b>Performed with Some Challenges (S)</b>  | The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were completed in a manner that achieved the objective(s) and did not negatively impact the performance of other activities. Performance of this activity did not contribute to additional health and/or safety risks for the public or for emergency workers, and it was conducted in accordance with applicable plans, policies, procedures, regulations, and laws. However, opportunities to enhance effectiveness and/or efficiency were identified. |
| <b>Performed with Major Challenges (M)</b> | The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were completed in a manner that achieved the objective(s), but some or all of the following were observed: demonstrated performance had a negative impact on the performance of other activities; contributed to additional health and/or safety risks for the public or for emergency workers; and/or was not conducted in accordance with applicable plans, policies, procedures, regulations, and laws.   |
| <b>Unable to be Performed (U)</b>          | The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were not performed in a manner that achieved the objective(s).   |