BC Centre for Disease Control

Provincial Health Services Authority

Outbreak Example: Summary and Recommendations

Source of infection

- Source of infection is known for N (%) of cases
- Source of infection is unknown for N (%) of cases

Possible transmission settings

Worksites

• Details of most common worksites, shared workspaces that may have contributed to transmission (for example proportions, attack rates, etc.)

Accommodation and Transportation

• Details of common accommodation facilities that may have contributed to transmission (for example proportions, attack rates, etc.)

Social activities/other transmission settings

 Details of common social activities/other settings that may have contributed to transmission (for example proportions, attackrates, etc.)

Other

- Symptomatic versus asymptomatic cases
- Other lab data (WGS)
- Environmental health observations from site assessments/sampling

Recommendations (examples)

- 1. Ensure settings with a large number of cases are inspected and have all required administrative, infrastructure and PPE control measures in place prior to return of workers.
- 2. Ensure workers feel safe reporting illness while they are onsite to decrease undetected transmission.
- 3. To identify the source of infection or transmission and target control measures, re-interview new cases with a standard outbreak-specific questionnaire¹ with emphasis on social and work locations and contacts in the 14 days prior to symptom onset.

¹ This can be modified from the Industrial Worksite Questionnaire