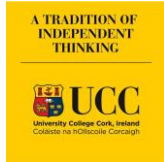
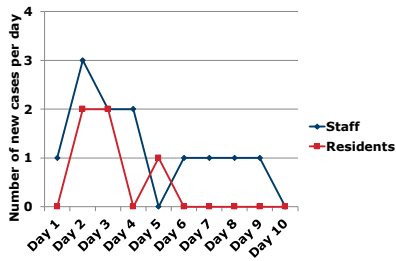




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Long Term Care Facility #1

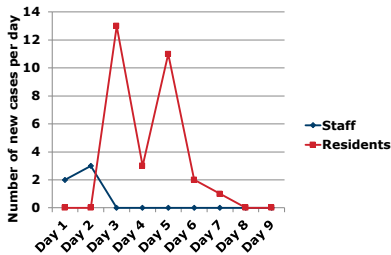


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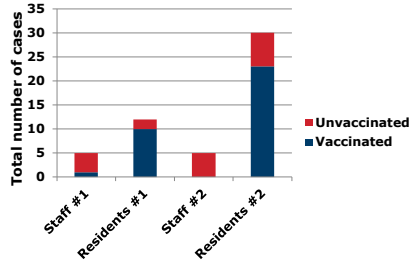


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Number of cases vaccinated

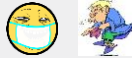


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Actions taken



- Many initially commenced on antibiotics before outbreak recognised
- Public Health Dept. notified (day 2 LTCF#1; day 4 LTCF#2)
- Prompt IP&C measures implemented
 - > Isolation
 - > Staff exclusion
 - > Appropriate PPE
 - > Visitor restriction/information signs
 - > Respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene



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Actions taken contd....



- Viral Throat swabs taken and sent to NVRL on advice of DPH
- Commencement of treatment and prophylactic anti viral therapy e.g. Tamiflu, on advice of DPH
- Cancellation of recreational activities and non essential appointments
- Closure of wards to admissions and transfers
- Review of staff / resident vaccination history
- Early recognition of outbreak important to reduce spread of infection



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Summary

Increase staff vaccination

Early recognition of outbreak situation

Reduce illness, complications and stress for staff, residents and visitors

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