

Outbreak Management Workshop

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Approximately 900 daycares in Toronto
2008 – 85 outbreaks, approx. 19 cases per
outbreak

Overwhelming majority are enteric OBs caused
by viral agents

Overall – dealing with a healthy population,
high levels of vaccine coverage for VPDs

However, there are challenges to be
considered that are unique to this setting

Large set-ups

Mixing of groups

Infection control, surveillance competencies of staff

OBs can be associated with high-levels of anxiety from parents

Competing needs with respect to exclusion

PEP recommendations may not always be received favorably

Pertussis outbreak

Seven Oaks Legionella outbreak

Need ongoing, two-way communication with day care staff and parents during outbreak

As much face time as possible, dedicated staff leads

Evidence based, measured interventions are particularly important for this setting

Think about the best ways to provide support to get compliance with recommendations for OB control

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