Appendix 12: Mental Health Directorate Criteria for Acute Respiratory Illness Response Sub Plan (Reviewed 2025)

Associated actions for MHD Leadership Team Triggers and actions include, but are not limited to, the below:

Tier 0 *Mild Community Transmission*	Tier 1 *Minimal Community Transmission*	Tier 2 *Moderate Community Transmission*	Stand-Up Tier 3 *Significant Community Transmission*	Recovery (Stand down)

ACTIONS (Tier 0)

ACUTE/SECURE MENTAL HEALTH WARDS

- Testing of consumers with symptoms of ARI
- Isolation of consumers with ARI to single room with air purifier placement as per risk assessment
- If unable to comply with guidelines for placement of patients as per guidelines (Section 5.2.3 MNH ARI Response plan), the facility-based Infection Management and Prevention Team to be consulted
- Referral to Facility for medical admission if required for severe clinical symptoms as per existing physical deterioration pathways

COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES (SUSD/CCU)

- Testing of consumers with symptoms of ARI
- Isolation of consumers with ARI to single room with air purifier placement as per risk assessment. Majority of SUSD/CCU are single rooms/units
- Referral to Facility for medical admission if required for severe clinical symptoms as per existing physical deterioration pathways

COMMUNITY TEAMS

- Referral of consumers of concern with ARI to MNH Virtual Emergency Care Services

WORKFORCE

- MH staff required for MH usual care.
- Collaborative discussion with Facility regarding specialty workforce based on

ACTIONS (Tier 1)

ACUTE/SECURE MENTAL HEALTH WARDS

- Testing of consumers with symptoms of ARI
- Isolation of consumers with ARI to single room with air purifier placement as per risk assessment
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- Isolation of consumers with ARI to single room with air purifier placement as per risk assessment. Majority of SUSD/CCU are single rooms/units
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COMMUNITY TEAMS

- Referral of consumers of concern with ARI to MNH Virtual Emergency Care Services

WORKFORCE

- MH staff required for MH usual care.
- Collaborative discussion with Facility regarding specialty workforce based on

ACTIONS (Tier 2)

ACUTE/SECURE MENTAL HEALTH WARDS

- Testing of consumers with symptoms of ARI
- Isolation of consumers with ARI to single room with air purifier placement as per risk assessment
- If unable to comply with guidelines for placement of patients as per guidelines (Section 5.2.3 MNH ARI Response plan), the facility-based Infection Management and Prevention Team to be consulted
- Referral to Facility for medical admission if required for severe clinical symptoms as per existing physical deterioration pathways

COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES (SUSD/CCU)

- Testing of consumers with symptoms of ARI
- Isolation of consumers with ARI to single room with air purifier placement as per risk assessment. Majority of SUSD/CCU are single rooms/units
- Referral to Facility for medical admission if required for severe clinical symptoms as per existing physical deterioration pathways

COMMUNITY TEAMS

- Referral of consumers of concern with ARI to MNH Virtual Emergency Care Services

WORKFORCE

- MH staff required for MH usual care.
- Collaborative discussion with Facility regarding specialty workforce based on assessment of MH needs e.g. MH nurse

ACTIONS (Stand-Up Tier 3)

ACUTE/SECURE MENTAL HEALTH WARDS

- Testing of consumers with symptoms of ARI
- Isolation of consumers with ARI to single room with air purifier placement as per risk assessment
- If unable to comply with guidelines for placement of patients as per guidelines (Section 5.2.3 MNH ARI Response plan), the facility-based Infection Management and Prevention Team to be consulted
- Referral to Facility for medical admission if required for severe clinical symptoms as per existing physical deterioration pathways

COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES (SUSD/CCU)

- Testing of consumers with symptoms of ARI
- Isolation of consumers with ARI to single room with air purifier placement as per risk assessment. Majority of SUSD/CCU are single rooms/units
- Referral to Facility for medical admission if required for severe clinical symptoms as per existing physical deterioration pathways

COMMUNITY TEAMS

- Referral of consumers of concern with ARI to MNH Virtual Emergency Care Services

WORKFORCE

- MH staff required for MH usual care.
- Collaborative discussion with Facility regarding specialty workforce based on assessment of MH needs e.g. MH nurse

ACTIONS (Recovery)

ACUTE/SECURE MENTAL HEALTH WARDS

- Testing of consumers with symptoms of ARI
- Isolation of consumers with ARI to single room with air purifier placement as per risk assessment
- If unable to comply with guidelines for placement of patients as per guidelines (Section 5.2.3 MNH ARI Response plan), the facility-based Infection Management and Prevention Team to be consulted
- Referral to Facility for medical admission if required for severe clinical symptoms as per existing physical deterioration pathways

COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES (SUSD/CCU)

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- Isolation of consumers with ARI to single room with air purifier placement as per risk assessment Majority of SUSD/CCU are single rooms/units
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COMMUNITY TEAMS

- Referral of consumers of concern with ARI to MNH Virtual Emergency Care Services

WORKFORCE

- MH staff required for MH usual care.
- Collaborative discussion with Facility regarding specialty workforce based on assessment of MH needs e.g. MH nurse special, security special.