

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care
**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Precautions	SUBJECT: Point of Care Risk Assessment	SECTION: G POLICY: 3
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POINT OF CARE RISK ASSESSMENT

POLICY:

A Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) will be completed by all healthcare workers prior to every interaction with a resident or their environment to select and utilize the appropriate interventions and PPE guided by evidence-based practices and their clinical and professional judgement to prevent the spread of infections.

PROCEDURE:

The DNPC or designate will:

- 1) Ensure access and availability of PPE deemed necessary by staff based on PCRA.

All Staff will:

- 1) Perform a PCRA with each resident interaction to assess the task to be completed, the care required for the resident, and the environment in which the interaction will occur. The care required will be outlined in the resident's plan of care.
- 2) Assess his or her risk of exposure to an infectious agent to determine what routine practices need to be implemented, including the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) that needs to be worn, to reduce his or her risk of exposure to bodily fluids and potential infectious agents.
- 3) Also take into consideration the following when conducting a PCRA:
 - A resident who exhibits neuropsychiatric behaviours that result in the expression of body fluids, excretions, or aerosols during routine care.
 - Any other considerations that are appropriate given the then current science, evidence, and Directives respecting COVID-19 transmission, N95 masks and PPE, and the then current COVID-19 circumstances at the Home.
 - Currently recommended that a fit tested, seal checked N95 respirator, eye protection, gown and gloves be worn for all health care workers providing direct care or interacting with a suspected, probable, or confirmed case of COVID-19
- 4) Determine the appropriate PPE based on the care required and resident's clinical signs and symptoms of illness or disease. Dependent on the resident's symptoms, the following precautions may be required: contact, droplet, droplet-contact, or airborne precautions.

Signage will be placed outside the resident room when additional precautions are required.

- 5) Upon completion of the PCRA, use clinical and professional judgement to determine if additional interventions or equipment are needed to safely provide care and mitigate risk of exposure to self and others in the environment.
- 6) Perform hand hygiene before and don the appropriate PPE based on the PRCA.
- 7) Maintain donning and doffing steps when using PPE.