

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

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EQUIPMENT CLEANING – RESIDENT CARE & MEDICAL

POLICY:

Equipment used for resident care and medical uses will be kept clean, and all equipment with shared use will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.

PROTOCOLS:

- Items to be kept cleaned and disinfected include but are not limited to commodes, tub chairs/shower chairs, slings and lifts, bedpans, urinals, wash basins, K-basins, etc.
- All shared equipment must be cleaned and disinfected between resident uses.
- Items or equipment used in a room where a resident has been on additional precautions must be cleaned and disinfected before use with any other resident.
- Disinfect as per schedule or more frequently if soiled.
- All shared equipment (i.e., tub chairs/shower chairs/commodes/lifts, etc.) must be cleaned and disinfected after each use by staff using the item
- Slings are to be laundered twice weekly or more frequently if soiled.
- Lifts are to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected on a weekly schedule or more frequently if soiled, and high touch areas of the lifts are to be disinfected between each resident use.
- Nursing staff will attempt to always schedule baths or showers last in the daily bathing schedule for all residents on Contact Precautions (i.e., for residents with suspected or confirmed C. Difficile, MRSA positive, VRE positive, ESBL positive, wound infections, etc.).

PROCEDURE:

All Staff will:

- 1) Gather all equipment and cleaning solutions required for cleaning and disinfection of resident items.
- 2) Wash hands and put on personal protective equipment (PPE):
 - Wear non-sterile gloves, goggles, and/or face protection if splashing or spraying anticipated while cleaning items
 - PPE should be changed if torn or soiled

- 3) When task is completed, remove PPE, and perform hand hygiene with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer when exiting room.

Tub & Shower Chairs

- 1) Put on appropriate PPE. Gloves and goggles required.
- 2) Tub chair/shower chair are to be cleaned and disinfected after each resident's use.
- 3) First remove any feces or urine from the tub/shower chair with toilet paper.
- 4) Next apply Arjo disinfectant cleaner to the tub/shower chair. Using the brush provided in the tub room, scrub top, back, and bottom of tub/shower chair. Let the disinfectant sit for 10 minutes for proper contact time.
- 5) Rinse shower/tub chair with water and allow to dry.
- 6) Check to make sure tub chair/shower chair is clean, free of cracks and chips, and safe for resident's use.
- 7) In addition to cleaning between residents, staff will thoroughly clean tub chair once a day after bath completion during tub purging.
- 8) Brushes used to clean chairs and tubs are to be made of plastic or resin material. Store brushes in container and off the floor. Brushes to be replaced when signs of wear are observed.
- 9) See *Policy & Procedures Disinfecting Tub Brushes and Resident Equipment - Whirlpool Tub Cleaning & Purging* for more instruction on cleaning of the brushes and purging the tub chair.

Bath Trolley

- 1) Put on appropriate PPE. Gloves and goggles required.
- 2) Bath trolley is to be cleaned and disinfected after each resident's use.
- 3) Apply Arjo Disinfectant to the entire bath trolley and allow to sit for 10 minutes.
- 4) Rinse clean and allow to dry.

Weekly Deep Clean

- 1) Night Float staff member to deep clean bath trolley every Monday night.
- 2) Put on appropriate PPE.
- 3) Release the trolley side rails into the lowered position and release pad/trolley clamps on each side to reveal the underside of the pad.
- 4) Apply Arjo Disinfectant to the entire bath trolley, on top and underneath the pad. Scrub with tub brush. Let stand for 10 minutes
- 5) Rinse clean with shower head.
- 6) Let bath trolley air dry.
- 7) Reassemble bath trolley.

Commode Chairs

- 1) Commodes in isolation rooms are to be cleaned and disinfected after each resident's use.
- 2) First wipe clean the commode chair to remove all soiled matter with toilet paper.
- 3) Next apply Oxivir disinfectant cleaner to commode using cloth and thoroughly clean the commode. If small brushes are required, obtain from cleaning kits. Allow the disinfectant to sit for 5 minutes on commode then wipe clean with a wet cloth.
- 4) Check to make sure commode is clean, free of cracks and chips, and safe for resident's use.

Slings

- 1) Check slings, including clips and snaps, for any damage, and if necessary, report to the nurse and remove sling from use.
- 2) Use dedicated slings that are not used with any other resident until they have been laundered for residents on Contact Precautions.
- 3) Launder all regular slings twice weekly as per the Home's routine.
- 4) Launder bathing and toileting slings (slings that contact bare skin) between each resident's use. If the sling is dedicated to one resident only, it may be hung in resident's room.

Lifts

- 1) Check lift for cracks, broken pieces, missing rubber, etc., and if necessary, report to the nurse and remove lift from use.
- 2) Disinfect high contact areas such as handle grips, handlebar areas, remote control buttons, etc. with a disinfectant between each resident. Use Hydrogen Peroxide disinfectant wipes. Allow surfaces to remain wet for 1 minute to allow for proper disinfection. Allow to air dry.
- 3) When using a lift in a resident's room that is under isolation precautions, the lift is to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before use in another resident's room.
- 4) Night shift PSW to wipe down and clean entire mechanical lift weekly per schedule using Oxivir Plus solution and cloths.

Wheelchairs & Walkers

- 1) Check for cracks, broken pieces, missing rubber, etc., and if necessary, report to the nurse and remove from use. Initiate requisition for repair to OTA as necessary.
- 2) Disinfect high contact areas such as handle grips, arm rests, brakes, etc. with Hydrogen Peroxide disinfectant wipes between each resident. Surfaces should remain wet for 1 minute for proper disinfection. Allow to air dry.
- 3) When using a wheelchair or walker in a resident's room that is under isolation precautions, clean and disinfect before use for another resident.
- 4) Clean wheelchairs daily as required and clean individual resident wheelchairs and walkers twice monthly at minimum as per schedule. Wheelchair cleaning equipment is located in Utility Room cupboards on each floor and contain Oxivir Plus solution, cloths, brushes, steam cleaner, and Deodorizer solution.
- 5) Clean, disinfect, dry, and store tools used to assist in cleaning after each use, or else discard.

Medical Nursing Equipment

- 1) All medical nursing equipment such as BP machines, thermometers, oximeter sensor, feed pumps, etc. must be kept cleaned and disinfected. All shared equipment must be disinfected between resident uses and on an as-needed basis.
- 2) Ensure items are free of visible soil.
- 3) Use Hydrogen Peroxide disinfectant wipes to clean and disinfect surfaces. Allow surfaces to remain wet for 1 minute to ensure proper disinfection.

Physiotherapy Equipment

- 1) All equipment such as weights, stretching bands, balls, ice packs, etc. must be kept clean and disinfected. All shared equipment must be disinfected between resident uses and on an as-needed basis.
- 2) Ensure items are free of visible soil.
- 3) Use Hydrogen Peroxide disinfectant wipes to clean and disinfect surfaces. Allow surfaces to remain wet for 1 minute to ensure proper disinfection.