

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Housekeeping/Laundry Department	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Discharge/Transfer Cleaning of Resident Room	<b>SECTION:</b> J <b>POLICY:</b> 4
<b>DATE:</b> July 12, 2022	<b>Administrator's Signature:</b> _____ <i>J. M.</i>	
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**DISCHARGE/TRANSFER CLEANING OF RESIDENT ROOM**

**POLICY:**

Proper cleaning procedures of resident rooms after discharge or transfer will be used to reduce the potential spread of infection. PIDAC Best Practices for ***Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of Infections in All Health Care Settings*** will provide the guidance for specific processes.

The following procedure outlines the cleaning procedure for all rooms, including those on additional precautions (**Except for C. Difficile**).

**Follow the same cleaning procedure outlined in *Policy and Procedure: Routine Daily Cleaning of Resident Rooms* with the addition of these cleaning tasks when a resident has been discharged or transferred:**

- Remove privacy curtains and send to laundry.
- Clean inside and outside of wardrobe and nightstand with Oxivir Plus disinfectant.
- Throw away any personal items left in the room, i.e., lotions, creams, magazines.
- Throw away toilet brush.

Clean the bed:

- If PSW staff have not yet removed linens from the bed, remove sheets and pillow cases carefully. Do not shake. Roll and place into a dirty linen bag.
- Using Oxivir Plus disinfectant cleaner, clean top and sides of mattress, turn over and clean underside.
- Clean bed frame.
- Inspect for pest infestation.
- Clean headboard, foot board, bed rails, call bell and bed controls; pay particular attention to areas that are visibly soiled and surfaces frequently touched by staff.
- Clean all lower parts of bed frame, including casters.
- Allow mattress to dry.

If the discharge cleaning to be done is in a room that was under additional precautions for **C. Difficile**, housekeeping staff are to follow the *Policy and Procedure: C. Difficile Room Cleaning* with the addition of the tasks listed above.

Housekeeping supervisor will determine whether stripping and waxing of floors need to be done after discharge or transfer.