

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Housekeeping/Laundry Department	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Pest Control Prevention & Management	<b>SECTION:</b> J <b>POLICY:</b> 18
<b>DATE:</b> March 8, 2024	<b>Administrator's Signature:</b> _____ <i>J. M.</i>	
<b>REVISION DATES:</b>	<b>IPAC Lead's Signature:</b> _____ <i>L. Coppola, R.N.</i>	

**PEST CONTROL PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT**

**POLICY:**

The Leamington Mennonite Home will contract professional, licensed pest control services to monitor, prevent, treat, and maintain the Home as required by regulation and best practices in the sector. Pests will be managed according to sanitation, structural, and infection prevention and control protocols to prevent exposure to residents, staff, and visitors.

**PROCEDURE:**

The Housekeeping Supervisor and/or IPAC Lead will:

- 1) Engage service contractor to inspect, report, treat, and otherwise prevent the activity of rodents and insects in the Home:
  - Contractor and/or Technicians shall be trained, licensed, permitted, and qualified to perform such work
  - Home Inspections to be performed monthly
- 2) Ensure the Pest Control Logs are up to date and in a 24-hour accessible location. Logs are located on each floor just outside the housekeeping rooms. May be reviewed by contractors, Public Health, and other regulatory bodies.
- 3) Review pest control reports with Pest Control services monthly and implement/enforce recommended remedial actions immediately.
- 4) Review status of pest control action plans at Quality & Leadership Meetings when needed.

In the event of an infestation, the Housekeeping Supervisor and IPAC Lead or designate will:

- 1) Collaborate with Maintenance staff and Pest Control Company to confirm type of pest.
- 2) If potential risk of infection from pest infestations, implement surveillance to track potential spread to other areas of the residence.

- 3) In collaboration with the Maintenance staff, monitor and track the progress of extermination.

The Maintenance staff will:

- 1) Monitor the performance of the pest control program:
  - Review contractor site visit inspection reports
  - Create follow up on recommended corrective actions immediately
  - Log any sightings in the Pest Logbook that come through electronic systems (email, maintenance software)
  - Maintain an organized record of service reports and action plans
  - Develop an action plan for all sanitation and structural issues identified on contractor service reports
- 2) Track and trend any pest findings and report at Leadership Meetings if needed.
- 3) Examine the environment, paying special attention to cracks and crevices, behind wallpaper, furniture, bed frames, under kitchen equipment, and under servery counters.
- 4) If there are any indications of pests, collaborate with the IPAC Lead, applicable department lead, and the pest control company on remediation plan if necessary.
- 5) Organize and collaborate with department leaders on need for additional deep cleaning of all carts, wheelchairs, and furniture when concerns arise.
- 6) Wrap or insulate pipes that have excess condensation. Repair leaky faucets and pipes.
- 7) Seal and caulk all cracks, crevices, and pipe openings to reduce pest hiding places. Put a fine mesh screen over cracks and crevices, vents, open pipes, and drains to reduce access.

All Staff will:

- 1) Report any evidence of pests immediately to their supervisor to forward to Maintenance. Ensure to record incident in Pest Control Log located in various areas of the Home.
- 2) Carry out regular cleaning procedures as directed on cleaning routines.
- 3) Clean up spills immediately. Do not leave water and food out 24 hours a day.
- 4) Keep food in tightly sealed plastic or glass containers.
- 5) Regularly clean dark and/or damp areas close to a food source (for example beneath and behind equipment).
- 6) Not allow dirty dishes or food to be exposed overnight on resident beside tables or in common spaces.