

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Precautions	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Leave of Absence for Residents with Infections/ Infectious Diseases	<b>SECTION:</b> G <b>POLICY:</b> 15
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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR RESIDENTS WITH INFECTIONS/INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

**POLICY:**

The protocols for a resident with an infection or infectious disease will be followed when they are on a leave of absence from the Home.

**PROCEDURE:**

The IPAC Lead will:

- 1) Contact the local Public Health Unit if the infectious disease is classified as reportable to the Medical Officer of Health to discuss any restrictions. These restrictions will be followed by the Home.

The Nurse will:

- 1) Inform the resident/substitute decision maker (SDM) about the resident's condition prior to the leave of absence being initiated, including any treatments necessary while away.
- 2) Inform the resident/SDM of any disinfection procedures required for the transporting vehicle and/or for the residence environment.
- 3) Inform the vehicle operator prior to pick up, if the resident uses an access vehicle to go on leave, that the resident has an active infection/infectious disease. This will ensure that transport services can complete the proper disinfection procedures following the resident's transfer.

**Note:** Depending upon the nature of the infection/infectious disease, it may be recommended due to the risk of spreading the disease that the resident not attend high risk facilities, i.e. visiting persons in an acute care setting, long term care setting, retirement home, and open public places, i.e. restaurants, shopping malls, church, etc. This recommendation will be made upon the direction of a resident's physician, the IPAC Lead, and/or the DNPC, and will be clearly communicated to the resident/SDM.