

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Social & Recreation Department	SUBJECT: Spiritual Care for Isolated Residents	SECTION: L POLICY: 1
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SPIRITUAL CARE FOR ISOLATED RESIDENTS

POLICY:

A resident who is on additional precautions shall receive Communion if they so wish. In all cases, direct contact with a resident's mouth, skin, and bedding shall be avoided.

PROCEDURE:

The Director of Social & Recreation Services or designate will:

- 1) Notify the clergy member of the request for communion and inform regarding additional precautions and review of hand hygiene techniques.
- 2) Educate the resident about the process to take place to receive communion.

For Enteric, or Wound & Skin Protocols:

The Resident will, if physically able:

- 1) Come to the door to receive communion.

If the resident is unable, the Clergy Member will:

- 1) Enter the room and place Communion in the resident's hand, not on his/her tongue.
- 2) Ensure gloves are worn to administer the Host if resident is unable to manage it without help.
- 3) Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) as required.
- 4) Perform hand hygiene before and after contact with the resident.

For Respiratory Isolation Requiring Use of Mask:

The Clergy Member and/or staff will:

- 1) Perform hand hygiene before and after resident contact.
- 2) Wear appropriate PPE as required.
- 3) Enter the room if resident is immobile and place Communion in the resident's hand, if incapable, place on resident's tongue.

- 4) Dispose of PPE into isolation garbage container and perform hand hygiene.
- 5) Wash ciborium and chalice with approved disinfectant and perform hand hygiene afterwards.