

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Precautions	SUBJECT: N95 Respirator Masks	SECTION: G POLICY: 8
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N95 RESPIRATOR MASKS

POLICY:

An N95 respirator shall be used to prevent inhalation of small particles that may contain infectious agents transmitted via the airborne route.

N95 respirator fit testing of staff will be conducted as per provincial occupational health and safety requirements (Ontario is once every two years), and if the staff experiences physical changes, such as weight gain or loss or broken facial bones, that could affect the respirator's fit. A certified staff member is to conduct fit testing of all staff.

GUIDELINES:

A fit-tested N95 respirator is to be worn:

- 1) During care of residents diagnosed with or suspected of having an airborne infection (e.g., Pulmonary Tuberculosis).
- 2) If non-immune staff are required to enter the room of a resident with measles or varicella when there are no qualified immune staff available and resident safety would be compromised if they did not provide care.
- 3) When transporting or caring for a resident with signs and symptoms or a diagnosis of active pulmonary or laryngeal tuberculosis.
- 4) When deemed appropriate based on a point of care risk assessment.
- 5) When entering and cleaning rooms of residents suspected or confirmed with COVID-19 and as directed by public health.