

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Housekeeping/Laundry Department	SUBJECT: Cleaning During Outbreak Conditions	SECTION: J POLICY: 10
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CLEANING DURING OUTBREAK CONDITIONS

POLICY:

Cleaning during the incidence of an outbreak will be enhanced specific to the organism(s) presenting.

DEFINITION OF ENHANCED CLEANING:

Enhanced cleaning can be one or all these changes as directed by the IPAC lead or other provincial authority:

- Increasing frequency of cleaning from non-outbreak conditions (based on assessment of risk to residents and staff)
- Changes to type of disinfectants used based on active ingredient and dwell time
- Changes to supplies – disposable vs. reusable
- Implement secondary disinfection methods such as use of electrostatic sprayers on a rotational/scheduled basis

GUIDELINES:

For specific protocols for cleaning and disinfecting of equipment and supplies during an outbreak:

All staff will follow the PIDAC Best Practice documents:

- *Best Practices for Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization in All Health Care Settings*
- *Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of Infections in All Health Care Settings*

The Housekeeping staff will:

- 1) Modify cleaning procedures according to the PIDAC *Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of Infections in All Health Care Settings* as directed by their supervisor.
- 2) Perform more frequent cleaning and disinfecting using appropriate disinfectant for the organism during confirmed outbreaks as directed by their supervisor. This includes

bathing and toilet facilities, dining and lounge areas, recreational equipment, and all horizontal surfaces in a resident's room, especially high touch point areas.

- 3) During an outbreak, high touch areas will be cleaned at minimum twice a day.
- 4) Clean surfaces from the top down, cleanest to dirtiest, unaffected to affected.
- 5) Clean shared common areas for bathing and toileting as directed.
- 6) Clean dining and lounge areas according to regular schedules and when soiled.
- 7) Participate in daily departmental meetings to review procedures, products, and identify areas of focus/concern associated with the outbreak.
- 8) Upon discontinuation of precautions, transfer, or discharge, the resident's room will receive terminal cleaning. All privacy curtains will be taken down and sent for laundering and toilet brush from bathroom disposed of.

The HKL Supervisor will:

- 1) Reassign daily cleaning duties to accommodate enhanced cleaning protocols in affected areas.