

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Precautions	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Additional Precautions – Communication with Residents/SDMs	<b>SECTION:</b> G <b>POLICY:</b> 12
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**ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS – COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS/SDMs**

**POLICY:**

When additional precautions are indicated for a resident, or in the event of an outbreak, the resident/substitute decision maker (SDM) will be notified.

Residents and visitors will be informed of the type of personal protective equipment (PPE) for use when visiting a resident on additional precautions or during an outbreak.

**PROCEDURE:**

The DNPC or designate will:

- 1) Post appropriate outbreak signage. Additional information may be provided through emails and phone calls to SDMs.
- 2) Notify the SDM of the type of outbreak, the precautions, and any special restrictions in place when an outbreak has been declared.
- 3) Notify the PHU if the SDM or visitors fail to adhere to additional precautions in place for a resident. Restriction/refusal of visitation will only be considered as a last resort.

The Nurse will:

- 1) Notify the SDM of a resident on additional precautions as soon as possible, including information on why the precautions are in place and what they consist of.
- 2) Discourage visitors other than SDM or immediate family members. The SDM should be encouraged to notify friends and acquaintances that may visit and ask that they call before visiting to help limit visitors.
- 3) Review hand hygiene process with SDM and visitors for before and after visiting resident and document teaching in resident chart.

All Staff will:

- 1) Provide the resident/SDM and visitors information about the precautions and instructions on how to correctly apply the personal protective equipment if necessary. Donning and doffing instructions will be posted on the resident's room door.