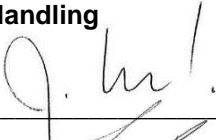



Leamington Mennonite Home

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Laundry	SUBJECT: Isolation Linen Handling	SECTION: I
DATE: January 1, 2024	Administrator: 	POLICY: 1
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ISOLATION LINEN HANDLING

POLICY:

All laundry staff will adhere to precautionary measures to prevent cross infection and potential cross contamination.

PROCEDURE:

Centres for Disease Control (CDC): statement: *“Although soiled linen may be contaminated with pathological organisms, the risk of actual disease transmission is negligible. Rather than rigid procedures and speciation, hygienic storage and processing of clean and soiled linen is recommended.”*

Laundry staff will:

- 1) Handle soiled linen as little as possible and with minimum agitation to prevent gross microbial contamination of the air and of persons handling linen.
- 2) Bag soiled linen at the location site where it was used. Linen soiled with blood should be transported in bags that will prevent soaking through.
- 3) Use normal laundry cycles according to the washer and detergent manufacturer's recommendations.
- 4) Wear protective clothing and any other appropriate personal protective equipment.
- 5) Handle, transport, and process all linen that contains blood, body fluids, secretions, and excretion in a manner that prevents skin and mucous membrane exposure and contamination of clothing.
- 6) Perform double bagging of linen should only when:
 - Linen is soaked with blood or other potentially infectious fluid and the primary bag cannot contain it
 - Bag to be used to transport linen has been contaminated on the outside