

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Housekeeping/Laundry Department	SUBJECT: VRE Room Cleaning	SECTION: J POLICY: 6
DATE: January 24, 2024	Administrator's Signature: _____ <i>J. M.</i>	
REVISION DATES:	IPAC Lead's Signature: _____ <i>L. Coppola, RN.</i>	

VRE ROOM CLEANING

POLICY:

Proper cleaning procedures of resident rooms in additional precautions for Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus (VRE) will be used to reduce the potential spread of infection. PIDAC Best Practices for ***Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of Infections in All Health Care Settings*** will provide the guidance for specific processes.

PROCEDURE:

Follow the same cleaning procedure outlined in ***Policy and Procedure: Routine Daily Cleaning of Resident Rooms*** with the exception of these changes:

- Use fresh mops (dust mop and wet mop) for each room on VRE precautions, and ONLY that room.
- Use cloths one time only. Do not reuse cloths.
- Oxivir Disinfectant Cleaner is to be used on all surfaces in the room allowing proper contact time of 5 minutes.

When a resident is discharged or transferred out of the room, follow the same procedure outlined in ***Policy and Procedure: Discharge/Transfer Cleaning of Resident Room*** as well as the points listed above. In addition, discard and replace soap, toilet paper, paper towel, and toilet brush.

Upon discontinuation of precautions the resident's room will receive terminal cleaning. All privacy curtains will be taken down and sent for laundering. All disposable items including unused paper towels and toilet paper will be thrown away. Terminal cleaning is required even if routine cleaning was already carried out that day.