

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Disease-Specific Precautions	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Disease Protocols – Required Level of Precautions	<b>SECTION:</b> H <b>POLICY:</b> 1
<b>DATE:</b> July 12, 2022	<b>Administrator's Signature:</b> _____ <i>J. M!</i>	
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**DISEASE PROTOCOLS – REQUIRED LEVEL OF PRECAUTIONS**

**POLICY:**

Protocols will provide guidelines to staff for the screening of residents and management of specific diseases.

The required level of precautions shall be initiated at the onset of symptoms, and these shall be maintained until discontinued in consultation with IPAC Lead or DNPC.

**PROCEDURE:**

When screening for or managing a specific disease that has been confirmed and presents a risk to the residents of the Home, the IPAC Lead or DNPC will:

- 1) Review the protocol for the disease.
- 2) Educate staff about the disease and its management, communicating specific responsibilities clearly.
- 3) Follow the recommendations of the Public Health Unit.
- 4) Monitor the protocol to ensure that it has been fully implemented.
- 5) Communicate recommendations for revision to or addition of protocols to the Infection Prevention & Control Committee.

For specific protocols for cleaning and disinfecting of equipment and supplies, assessment, and management of risk, all staff will follow the PIDAC Best Practice documents:

- Annex A: Screening, Testing and Surveillance for **Antibiotic-Resistant Organisms (AROs)** In All Health Care Settings
- Annex B: Prevention of Transmission of **Acute Respiratory Infection**
- Annex C: Testing, Surveillance and Management of **Clostridium Difficile**
- Best Practices for **Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization of Medical Equipment/Devices** in All Health Care Settings

- Best Practices for ***Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of Infections*** In All Health Care Settings
- Routine Practices and Additional Precautions in All Health Care Settings.
- Best Practices for Infection Prevention and Control Programs in Ontario in All Health Care Settings
- Best Practices for Surveillance of Health Care-Associated Infections in Patient and Resident Populations
- Infectious disease protocol Appendix 1: Case Definition and Disease Specific Information
  - Disease: Smallpox and other orthopoxviruses, including Monkeypox