



Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Screening & Immunization	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Pneumococcal, Tetanus, Diphtheria, & Pertussis Immunizations	<b>SECTION:</b> D <b>POLICY:</b> 5
<b>DATE:</b> July 12, 2022	<b>Administrator's Signature:</b> _____ 	
<b>REVISION DATES:</b> October 19, 2023	<b>IPAC Lead's Signature:</b> _____ 	

**PNEUMOCOCCAL, TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, & PERTUSSIS IMMUNIZATIONS**

**POLICY:**

Pneumococcal, Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccinations will be offered to all residents at the time of move in based on vaccination history and consent from the resident/SDM.

**PROCEDURE:**

Medical contraindications to receiving the vaccine(s) include:

- Residents receiving immunosuppressive therapy
- Residents with acute infections or illness
- Resident previously immunized within the prescribed time periods

The Admissions Nurse will:

- 1) Obtain the record of the resident's Pneumococcal, Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Vaccination history at time of move in.
- 2) Obtain consent for vaccinations from the resident or SDM.

The IPAC Lead will:

- 1) Review the medical directives for the administration of the vaccine.
- 2) Administer the pneumococcal vaccine concurrently with Tdap vaccine if both are required.
- 3) Administer vaccine(s) according to the medical directives.
- 4) Have Adrenaline 1:1000 or equivalent available in case of an emergency as identified in the Medical Directive.
- 5) Document on the MARS and on the resident's electronic immunization record.

The Nurse will:

- 1) Bring to the attention of the IPAC Lead and Medical Director immediately any reactions recognized to be “reportable events” or side effects from the immunization.

**Note:** The vaccine is provided by the Public Health Unit. Influenza vaccine and Td (or Tdap) may be given at the same time, or at any time before or after a dose of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine.