


Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Infection Prevention & Control Program	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Statement of Purpose	<b>SECTION:</b> A <b>POLICY:</b> 1
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	<b>IPAC Lead's Signature:</b> _____ 	

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**POLICY:**

Leamington Mennonite Home has an Infection Prevention & Control Program that is guided by a statement of purpose, program goals, and objectives.

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- The Infection Prevention & Control (IPAC) Program will be organized in a manner that standardizes the approach, surveillance, response to, and education regarding infection prevention and control throughout the Home.
- IPAC is an interprofessional program under the authority of the Director of Nursing & Personal Care of the Home, reporting to the Home's appointed advisory committee (i.e. IPAC) on a quarterly basis.
- IPAC is a shared responsibility involving staff, visitors, volunteers, residents, and service providers.

**PROCEDURE:**

The Director of Nursing & Personal Care will:

- 1) Establish an Infection Prevention & Control Committee (IPACC) with representation from the interprofessional team, including a member of the Joint Health & Safety Committee.
- 2) Together with the IPACC, annually establish measurable and specific results-driven objectives that support the goals and purpose of the program.

**Responsibilities of the Committee:**

- 1) Plan and implement the IPAC Program for the Home, following international, federal, and/or provincial infection control guidelines and evidence-informed practice.
- 2) Develop and circulate policies and procedures related to IPAC, including annual administration of influenza vaccine, pneumococcal vaccination, hand hygiene, surveillance processes, and ongoing monitoring of the program.
- 3) Track infection rates, analyze information, benchmark, and identify trends to support the program.

- 4) Promote awareness within the Home and outside the Home regarding the risk of infection, the prevention of the spread of disease, and modes of transmission.
- 5) Communicate to staff the infection control rates, trends, hand hygiene compliance, policies, procedures, and best practices within the Home.
- 6) Support coordinated IPAC education, such as hand hygiene, personal protective equipment, and immunization for staff, residents, visitors, volunteers, and service providers.
- 7) Support the Director of Nursing & Personal Care in annually establishing measurable and specific, results-driven objectives that support the goals of the program and the Home.
- 8) Report IPAC outcomes to the Home's appointed advisory committee, i.e. PAC.
- 9) Guide the IPAC Program with the following goals:
  - Screen for infectious diseases, including follow-up of results
  - Implement surveillance procedures and ongoing monitoring to detect infections, including liaison with the local Public Health Unit and the Ministry of Health
  - Ensure staff awareness regarding reducing the risk of infection as well as prevention of the spread of disease and the modes of transmission
  - Promote family awareness regarding reducing the risk of infection, as well as prevention of the spread of disease and the modes of transmission
  - Support coordinated IPAC education
  - Communicate current policies and procedures to staff
  - Benchmark and analysis of indicators and completion of audits that support the program, and communicate results to all staff
- 10) Work collaboratively with the Ministry of Health, regional health authorities, local Public Health Unit, MOL, MOE, and Regional Infection Control Networks; the objectives of the program are to:
  - Detect infections
  - Minimize the transmission of disease
  - Prevent and/or control facility-acquired infection for the wellbeing of residents, staff, volunteers, and visitors