

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Precautions	SUBJECT: 3 Day Isolation Process	SECTION: G POLICY: 18
DATE: December 2023	Administrator's Signature: _____ <i>J. M!</i>	
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3 DAY ISOLATION PROCESS

POLICY:

To ensure infection control practices are maintained after a resident is sent to hospital and has been admitted. Symptoms of concern are:

- Watery Diarrhea (at least 3 per day for 2 or more days) with abdominal pain/tenderness
- Fever
- Loss of Appetite
- Vomiting

PROCEDURE:

- 1) The resident is to be isolated to their room for 3 days after an admission to hospital. This includes residents who are being admitted to the Home from hospital. Place *Contact Precautions* sign, *See Registered Staff* sign, and *Donning and Doffing* signs on resident's door. Place out *Just the Facts Worksheet: 3 Day Isolation Process* for PSW staff and email the fact sheet to department leaders to relay to their staff.
- 2) All staff need to educate visitors on hand hygiene. **Everyone (including visitors) should perform hand hygiene (hand sanitizer) before and after every resident contact.** A supply of care items (gloves/gowns, hand sanitizer) are kept outside the resident's room. Non sterile vinyl gloves are required for providing all personal care. Staff are to use hand sanitizer before and after donning and removing gloves. Hand washing with soap is required if hands are visibly soiled. **Gowns are required when providing personal care.**
- 3) If the resident is not in a private room or have use of a private bathroom, a commode must be placed in the room for the resident to use. Staff must disinfect the commode after each use.

- 4) Housekeeping is required to disinfect the resident's room and bathroom twice per day. Side rails, doorknobs, light switches, drawer and closet handles as well as everything in the bathroom must be disinfected. Floors in the resident's room and bathroom must be cleaned twice per day.
- 5) A covered garbage pail will be placed in the resident's room and emptied once per shift or more frequently as needed.
- 6) Normal washing and drying cycles for clothing and bedding are sufficient. A hamper with an isolation laundry bag will be placed in the resident's room. Laundry will be removed once per day by a PSW unless full sooner. The laundry bag must be hand delivered to laundry. Do not send this bag down the laundry chute.
- 7) Resident will have tray service to their room. Disposable dishes will be used and disposed of in the resident garbage in room. If using a tray to deliver food, tray is not to make contact with anything in the room. Set food on bedside table and remove tray from room. Regular dish washing cycles will clean dishes.
- 8) **The resident is able to come out of isolation before the 3 days is finished if they pass solid stool.** If the resident is not displaying any signs and symptoms of infection after 3 days they can be removed from isolation.