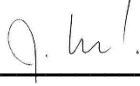



Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Precautions	SUBJECT: Routine Practices	SECTION: G POLICY: 1
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ROUTINE PRACTICES

POLICY:

Routine Practices are based on the premise that all residents are potentially infectious, even when asymptomatic, and that the same safe standards of practice shall be used routinely with all residents to prevent exposure to blood, body fluids, secretions, excretions, mucous membranes, non-intact skin, or soiled items, and to prevent the spread of microorganisms.

The consistent and appropriate use of Routine Practices by all staff with all resident encounters will lessen microbial transmission in the healthcare setting and reduce the need for Additional Precautions.

PROCEDURE:

All staff will:

1) Follow Routine Practices, which consist of:

- **Risk assessment** of the resident and the healthcare provider's interaction with the resident
- **Hand hygiene** to be performed with an alcohol-based hand rub or with soap and water before and after contact with a resident or their environment, before invasive or aseptic procedures, and after contact with body fluids
- **Barrier equipment** including personal protective equipment and supplies
- **Environmental controls** which include placement and bed spacing, cleaning of equipment, cleaning of the healthcare environment, engineering controls, safety engineered sharps and point of care sharps containers, hand hygiene product dispensers, and adequate dedicated hand wash sinks
- **Administrative controls** which include policies and procedures, education, healthy workplace policies, respiratory etiquette, monitoring of compliance, and feedback