

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Outbreak Management	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Antiviral Medication	<b>SECTION:</b> F <b>POLICY:</b> 8
<b>DATE:</b> July 12, 2022	<b>Administrator's Signature:</b> <u>J. M.</u>	
<b>REVISION DATES:</b> November 2023	<b>IPAC Lead's Signature:</b> <u>L. Coppola, R.N.</u>	

**ANTIVIRAL MEDICATION**

**POLICY:**

Antiviral medication will be available for use by all residents within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms during an influenza outbreak, whether vaccinated or not, as recommended by the Public Health Unit (PHU).

Staff who are not vaccinated will be advised to obtain a script from their physician at the beginning of the influenza season to assist with timely commencement of the antiviral medication in the event of an influenza outbreak.

**PROCEDURE:**

The IPAC Lead will:

- 1) Ensure consent is renewed annually.
- 2) Coordinate the calculation of creatinine levels with the pharmacy annually.
- 3) Liaise with the PHU when influenza is confirmed and obtain their recommendations for the antiviral medication to be used.
- 4) Notify the Medical Director when influenza is confirmed and determine the type of antiviral to be recommended.
- 5) Liaise with the pharmacy to ensure protocols are in place to secure adequate supplies of the antiviral medication from the manufacturer so the medication is received for administration as quickly as possible.
- 6) Access the staff vaccination list and notify those staff who have not received the flu vaccine that influenza is confirmed.
- 7) Provide non-immunized staff with their options for vaccination AND/OR antiviral medication before reporting to work. Staff are not considered fully immunized until 14 days after vaccination and would have to receive antiviral medication to return to work.

The Nurse will:

- 1) Notify resident/SDM that influenza has been confirmed and obtain consent for administration of antiviral medication from the resident/SDM.
- 2) Contact the physician for each resident when influenza is confirmed and obtain an order for antiviral medication.
- 3) Administer the antiviral medication as prescribed according to annual PHU recommendations on administration and dosing.
- 4) Document the administration of the medication.