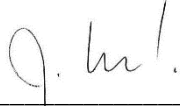
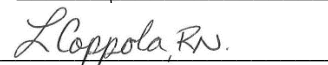


Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Infection Prevention & Control Program	SUBJECT: Annual Goals & Objectives	SECTION: A
DATE: July 2022	Administrator's Signature: 	POLICY: 2
REVISION DATES: January 2023 September 2023	IPAC Lead's Signature: 	

ANNUAL GOALS & OBJECTIVES

POLICY:

To ensure early detection and prevention of any infection which could result in an outbreak amongst the residents and staff. The Infection Control Practitioner will determine the level of infection and work with the Home Physician and the Public Health Unit directly in case of an outbreak.

PROCEDURE:

- 1) The Leamington Mennonite Home will maintain an Infection Control Manual outlining all infection control policies and procedures.
- 2) The Leamington Mennonite Home will practice universal precautions as they relate to infections, contagion, and SARS related outbreaks as determined by the Ministry of Health and the Public Health Unit.
- 3) Infection Prevention and Control Lead (IPAC Lead) is a member of the Infection Control Committee and will have 26.25 hours per week designated to infection control.
- 4) An Infection Control Committee will meet once every three (3) months to discuss issues involving infection control within the Home. The Committee will be established as per the guidelines to ensure that the Infection Control Program is maintained.
- 5) Monthly Infection Surveillance is done by the IPAC Lead. Surveillance is done on Point Click Care and any resident started on antibiotics is automatically added to the surveillance line list.
- 6) Any signs and symptoms of suspected infections, staff or resident, will be reported to the IPAC Lead immediately. Early recognition of infection or potential infection is important.
- 7) The IPAC Lead will determine an infection utilizing standards and guidelines provided by the Ministry of Health and the Public Health Unit.
- 8) Infections will be documented in the multidisciplinary notes and reported to the Doctor on his next visit. If necessary, the Doctor will be notified of the infection on the day of detection.
- 9) All staff will be informed of any infection in the building through their supervisors, in-services, bulletin boards and information sheets. In the event of an outbreak, a contingency plan will be followed. Staff will be instructed as to which Policy & Procedure will be implemented.
- 10) Staff will follow isolation techniques as outlined by the IPAC Lead.

- 11) If an outbreak occurs, Public Health is to be notified immediately.
- 12) An outbreak consists of 2-3 cases showing the same signs and symptoms within the same period of time based on Case Definitions. A record of this will be kept daily on a Line List and faxed daily to Public Health.
- 13) All staff and Residents are encouraged to participate in the yearly Influenza Immunization Program (see Policy on Influenza Immunization Program).
- 14) All staff shall receive education and information on Infection Control during Annual Staff Education and on an as needed basis.