

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Precautions	<b>SUBJECT:</b> High Risk Procedures & Precautions	<b>SECTION:</b> G <b>POLICY:</b> 16
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**HIGH RISK PROCEDURES & PRECUATIONS**

**POLICY:**

High-risk precautions will be implemented for any resident exhibiting febrile respiratory illness (FRI) symptoms who requires a high-risk respiratory procedure.

**DEFINITION:**

High-risk procedures in long term care are defined as:

- Nebulized therapies (not performed at LMH at this time)
- Aerosol humidification (not performed at LMH at this time)
- Airway suctioning (not performed at LMH at this time)
- Non-invasive ventilation (CPAP, BiPAP) in residents with acute illness

**PROCEDURE:**

Only trained Nurses will:

- 1) Perform high-risk respiratory procedures in a private room with the door closed.
- 2) Inform all non-essential persons to stay at least two metres away from the resident.
- 3) Provide appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to everyone present (including family members) during the high-risk procedure and instruct them on its use. PPE includes surgical mask, eye protection, gloves, and hand hygiene. If there is a risk of clothing becoming contaminated, gowns will be worn.
- 4) Wear appropriate PPE and ensure proper cleaning and disinfection of equipment and the resident's environment if CPAP, BiPAP cannot be avoided in a febrile resident.
- 5) Clean and disinfect all contaminated surfaces following a high-risk procedure before leaving the room and before removing PPE. Staff will not reenter the room until it has been cleaned.