

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Precautions	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Personal Protective Equipment	<b>SECTION:</b> G <b>POLICY:</b> 4
<b>DATE:</b> July 12, 2022	<b>Administrator's Signature:</b> _____ <i>J. M.!</i>	
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**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

**POLICY:**

Personal protective equipment (PPE) will be used to prevent contact of blood or other body substances with the skin or mucous membranes of care and service providers. PPE is also known as barrier equipment.

The need for PPE varies depending upon the degree of risk for direct contact with blood or other body fluids. Personal Protective Equipment includes:

- Gloves
- Gowns
- Masks
- Protective eyewear
- Face shield

**PROCEDURE:**

The IPAC Lead will:

- 1) Coordinate with Director of Nursing & Personal Care to ensure that there is always a sufficient supply of PPE available.

All staff will:

- 1) Use professional judgment and guidelines in deciding about the type of barrier equipment to be used, considering:
  - The type of situation and nature of intervention
  - The presence of blood or body fluids
  - The potential for direct contact with blood or body fluid
  - The integrity of the caregiver's skin
  - The skill level of the caregiver
  - The degree to which the resident is capable of following directions