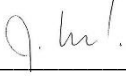



Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Housekeeping/Laundry Department	SUBJECT: C. Difficile Room Cleaning	SECTION: J
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C. DIFFICILE ROOM CLEANING

POLICY:

Proper cleaning procedures of resident rooms in additional precautions for Clostridium Difficile will be used to reduce the potential spread of infection. PIDAC Best Practices for ***Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of Infections in All Health Care Settings*** will provide the guidance for specific processes.

PROCEDURE:

Follow the same cleaning procedure outlined in *Policy and Procedure: Routine Daily Cleaning of Resident Rooms* with the exception of these changes:

- **Twice daily** cleaning and disinfection of resident rooms and bathroom in additional precautions C. difficile rooms are required.
- Use a fresh bucket and mop head (dust mop and wet mop) for each room on C. Difficile precautions, and ONLY that room.
- **All surfaces** in the room and bathroom including the floors are to be cleaned with sporicidal cleaner **Accel Rescue – contact time is 10 minutes to kill spores**. No other cleaner is to be used. This product is ready-to-use and does not require dilution. **Gloves and goggles** are to be worn when handling Accel Rescue.
- After surfaces remain wet for 10 minutes, they should be rinsed to remove all product residue.

When a resident is discharged or transferred and was on isolation for C. Difficile, follow the same room cleaning procedure listed above with the addition of tasks outlined in *Policy and Procedure: Discharge/Transfer Cleaning of Resident Room*. As well, discard and replace soap, toilet paper, paper towel, and toilet brush.

If there are multiple cases of C. difficile infections on the same floor:

- Disinfect **all high-touch surfaces and equipment on the unit** with the sporicidal cleaner **Accel Rescue**
- When each patient/resident is discharged or transferred, consider disinfecting their bed/bed space with a sporicide, regardless of the patient/resident's C. difficile infection status.