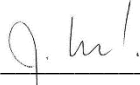



Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Housekeeping/Laundry Department	SUBJECT: Bodily Fluid Spill & Clean Up	SECTION: J POLICY: 12
DATE: July 12, 2022	Administrator's Signature: <u></u>	
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BODILY FLUID SPILL & CLEAN UP

POLICY:

Blood/body fluid spills will be handled and disposed of in a manner that reduces the risk of cross contamination and disease transmission.

PROCEDURE:

All staff will:

- 1) Assemble materials required for dealing with the spill prior to putting on personal protective equipment (PPE).
- 2) Inspect the area around the spill thoroughly for splatters or splashes.
- 3) Restrict the activity around the spill until the area has been cleaned and disinfected and is completely dry. Ensure wet floor signs are present.
- 4) Wear appropriate PPE, such as disposable gloves, when cleaning up a spill. If the possibility of splashing exists, protective eyewear and a gown should be worn. Eyeglasses are not considered to be protective eyewear.
- 5) Handle all biomedical waste with a minimum of agitation and shaking.
- 6) Dispose with care, any broken glass or sharps into the broken glass container in housekeeping rooms or sharps container in med rooms.
- 7) Confine and contain the spill; wipe up any blood or body fluid spills immediately using either disposable towels or a product designed for this purpose. Dispose of materials by placing them into regular waste receptacle, unless the soiled materials are so wet that blood can be squeezed out of them, in which case they must be segregated into the biomedical waste container (i.e., yellow bag – found in 1st floor med storage room).

- 8) Disinfect the entire spill area with a high-level disinfectant (Oxivir Plus) and allow it to stand for 5 minutes.
- 9) Wrap used mop pads and cloths in plastic bag before bringing to laundry.
- 10) Discard contaminated disposal towels, gloves, and other disposable equipment in a plastic lined garbage bin. Immediately tie and place with regular trash. Take care not to contaminate other surfaces during this process. Change gloves if needed.
- 11) Wipe inside and outside of waste receptacles with Oxivir Plus disinfectant.
- 12) Practice hand hygiene, either with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub of at least 70% concentration, for 15 seconds after each time gloves are applied and removed. If the hands are visibly soiled, then soap and water should be used over a hand rub.
- 13) If an injury occurs during the cleaning process, such as a skin puncture with a blood contaminated sharp object, seek medical attention immediately and report to the occupational health and safety representative.