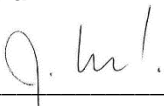



Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Screening & Immunization	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Screening & Immunization Program	<b>SECTION:</b> D <b>POLICY:</b> 1
<b>DATE:</b> July 12, 2022	<b>Administrator's Signature:</b> <u></u>	
<b>REVISION DATES:</b> October 2023, May 2024	<b>IPAC Lead's Signature:</b> <u></u>	

**SCREENING & IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM**

**POLICY:**

The IPAC Lead will coordinate a communicable disease screening and immunization program for residents and staff. Screening will also take place for visitors, volunteers, students, and contractors.

Screening upon moving into the Home includes a resident's history of immunizations against Streptococcus Pneumonia, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, and influenza.

**PROCEDURE:**

The Director of Nursing & Personal Care or designate will:

- 1) Ensure that the contract with any educational agency using the Home for clinical placement states that students must have current immunizations and a negative Mantoux.
- 2) Screen residents prior to move in by review of the applicable regional health authority forms. The application of any resident presenting with an infectious disease will be discussed with the IPAC Lead prior to accepting the resident for move in.
- 3) Obtain consents for immunization from resident/SDM at time of move in and place in resident's paper chart.

The Nurse will:

- 1) Screen residents:
  - Upon admission, the nurse will obtain a resident history, vital signs, and completing the head-to-toe assessment
  - For Influenza-like illnesses, Tuberculosis, MRSA, and VRE as per Resident medical directives
  - With ongoing surveillance for signs and symptoms of disease and reporting any findings to IPAC Lead and DNPC

The IPAC Lead will:

1) Immunize/screen residents as per the consent obtained for:

- TB screening: For residents 65 years and older, ensure chest x-ray completed within 14 days of move in or no greater than 90 days prior to move in, and that results indicate no active infectious disease. Resident's younger than 65 must have a 2-step TB test completed.
- Pneumococcal vaccine: Offer if not previously immunized and according to current best practice (Refer to Pneumococcal Vaccine Immunization Process Map)
- Second dose of Pneumococcal P-23: Should only be offered if at least five years has passed since previous Pneumococcal P-23 vaccination.
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis, every 10 years or in accordance with Public Health requirements
- Influenza, if not already received for the current flu season
- Herpes Zoster vaccine: Offer if eligible and have not already received

2) Document all immunizations on Point Click Care.

3) Monitor and report any adverse reaction to screening or vaccination to the Public Health Unit.

All Staff, Volunteers, Students, and Contractors will:

- 1) Follow the screening requirements upon hire as outlined in the Tuberculosis Screening Requirements Sec D, Policy 6.

All Staff, Visitors, Volunteers, Students, and Contractors will:

- 1) Self-screen according to information posted at each entrance to the Home.
- 2) Be encouraged to participate in influenza vaccination programs offered each year.