Leamington Mennonite Home Long Term Care

## INFECTION CONTROL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Screening & Immunization	SUBJECT: Surveillance Guidelines to Detect Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI)		SECTION: D POLICY:
DATE:	Administrator's Signature:	J.m.	7
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## SURVEILLANCE GUIDELINES TO DETECT ACUTE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS (ARI)

## POLICY:

Surveillance guidelines will be available to detect acute respiratory infection (ARI) in the Home, and to assist in the recognition and containment of droplet/contact spread illness during non-outbreak conditions and outbreak conditions.

For additional surveillance activities during respiratory and COVID-19 outbreaks, see Infection Prevention & Control Manual Section F.

## PROCEDURE:

The DNPC or IPAC Lead will:

- 1) Ensure signage is posted at every entrance to the Home reminding staff, visitors, volunteers, and contractors not to enter if they have respiratory symptoms, fever, or other symptoms of disease or infection.
- 2) Ensure the orientation and education program for staff includes information on selfscreening process and reporting obligations.
- 3) Ensure hand sanitizers are available at every entrance, resident care and public areas, and nursing stations, complete with instructions for use.
- 4) Provide a process whereby all visitors, volunteers, private caregivers, and contractors sign in upon entering the Home.
- 5) Implement any surveillance protocols, standard, or directives issued by the province.