

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Housekeeping/Laundry Department	SUBJECT: Risk Stratification Matrix to Determine Frequency of Cleaning	SECTION: J POLICY: 19
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RISK STRATIFICATION MATRIX TO DETERMINE FREQUENCY OF CLEANING

POLICY:

Cleaning schedules at the Leamington Mennonite Home will be developed based on an assessment of the risk of contaminated surfaces resulting in infection in residents. The Risk Stratification Matrix obtained from the *PIDAC: Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning for Infection Prevention and Control, April 2018* will be used to determine cleaning frequency of surfaces, items and equipment.

BACKGROUND:

Surfaces and items at higher risk of transmitting microorganisms within the care setting should be cleaned and disinfected more frequently. When determining the appropriate frequency of cleaning and disinfection, the following principles apply:

- High-touch surfaces and items require more frequent cleaning and disinfection than low-touch surfaces and items.
- Surfaces and items in proximity to vulnerable resident populations require more frequent cleaning and disinfection than surfaces and items in proximity to less vulnerable resident populations.
- Heavily contaminated surfaces, items and equipment require more frequent cleaning than moderately contaminated surfaces, items and equipment, which in turn require more frequent cleaning and disinfection than lightly contaminated or noncontaminated surfaces, items and equipment.

PROCEDURE:

The IPAC Lead and the Housekeeping Supervisor will:

1. Use the Risk Stratification Matrix to determine the frequency of surface cleaning and disinfection.
2. Ensure that surfaces are cleaned at the required frequency and that the appropriate policies reflect this.