Leamington Mennonite Home Long Term Care

## INFECTION CONTROL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY:	SUBJECT:	SECTION:
Infection Prevention & Control Program	Infection Prevention & Control Lead	A POLICY: 4
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September, 2023	IPAC Lead's Signature:	

## **INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL LEAD**

## POLICY:

The staff designated to coordinate the Infection Prevention & Control (IPAC) Program will have education and experience in infection prevention and control practices, including:

- Infectious diseases
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Data collection and trend analysis
- Reporting protocols
- Outbreak management
- Asepsis
- Microbiology
- Adult education
- Epidemiology
- Program management

## **PROCEDURE:**

The Infection Prevention & Control Lead will report to the Director of Nursing & Personal Care and will:

- 1) Assume overall authority for the IPAC Program.
- 2) Work with the interprofessional team to implement IPAC Program.
- 3) Notify the Medical Director of any reportable disease or suspected outbreak.
- 4) Consult with Public Health on outbreak management.
- 5) Coordinate the Outbreak Management Team at the onset of an outbreak and regularly throughout an outbreak.
- 6) Consult with the Medical Director and implement any recommendations regarding any testing that should be completed, or precautions that may assist in containing disease.

- 7) Be a member of and chair the Interprofessional Infection Prevention & Control Committee (IPACC).
- 8) Ensure there is a hand hygiene program including access to hand hygiene agents at point of care.
- 9) Participate in organization webinars and educational sessions.
- 10) Work collaboratively with departmental managers to ensure staff orientation and education meets the goals and objectives of the Program.
- 11) Act as a resource specialist to all departments.
- 12) Perform surveillance management activities.
- 13) Institute additional precautions as required.
- 14) Coordinate the Home's annual influenza vaccination program and other vaccine programs as directed by provincial health authorities.
- 15) Liaise with public health officials and regional health authorities.
- 16) Liaise with staff and DNPC/designate related to staff, caregiver, volunteer, visitor, and resident educational opportunities and oversee the delivery of education as required.
- 17) Monitor and report on quality management activities for infection prevention and control in all departments and make recommendations regarding indicators and audits.
- 18) Keep up to date on infection prevention and control practices.