

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Screening & Immunization	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Tuberculosis Screening Requirements	<b>SECTION:</b> D <b>POLICY:</b> 6
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**TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING REQUIREMENTS**

**POLICY:**

All residents, staff, and volunteers must be screened for tuberculosis as defined in this policy, and the documented results of this screening are to be available to the Home. A two-step TB test is required upon admission for all residents under the age of 65.

**PROCEDURE:**

The IPAC Lead will ensure that:

- 1) All new residents undergo a history and physical examination by a physician or a nurse practitioner within 90 days prior to move in or within 14 days after move in. Screening and assessment of findings is completed in accordance with provincial TB screening requirements.
  - A TST is **not** recommended for residents with a previous positive TST
  - If a TST was previously done, record the date and result of the most recent TST
- 2) All staff and volunteers provide TB screening as per the requirements.
- 3) Any suspected or confirmed case of Tuberculosis is reported to the Public Health Unit and Medical Officer of Health. Consultation with the Health Unit will help direct next steps.

Requirements for residents, staff and volunteers are outlined on subsequent pages.

**Regular Screening**

Annual TB skin testing is not recommended.

Annual chest x-rays are also not recommended in the assessment of positive reactors.