HOMES AND SENIOR SERVICES

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DEPARTMENT: ***HOUSEKEEPING & LAUNDRY*** **SUBJECT:** ***Resident Room Safety***

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PURPOSE: To protect residents/staff/families from infectious diseases and harmful microorganisms' preventative practices will be adhered to by all environmental staff (housekeeping)

PROCEDURE:

A. Hand Hygiene : Hands will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized:
   a. Before initial resident environment contact (i.e. prior to entering resident room/space)
   b. After potential exposure to bodily fluids (i.e. after cleaning the bathroom)
   c. After contact with residents environment (i.e. after cleaning residents'' room; changing mop heads)
   d. After removing gloves and prior to putting on gloves or other PPEs.

B. Cleaning and Disinfection Practices
   a. Cleaning standards, frequency and accountability for cleaning will be clearly defined in policies and procedures.
   b. Cleaning schedules/routines are implemented to ensure no area or item is over looked from routine cleaning.
   c. Cleaning procedures will incorporate the principles of infection control and best practices.
   d. Cleanliness of the Resident Homes areas will meet the Ministry Of Health Regulations and Public Health Standards.

C. Personal Protective Equipment
   a. Personal protective equipment will be available for use by cleaning housekeeping/laundry staff.
   b. Training on WHMIS and PPE will be completed annually.
   c. PPE will not only be enforced for chemical usages but also for protection from microorganisms and infectious diseases.