



## HOMES AND SENIOR SERVICES

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### **POLICY:**

Any resident placed on additional precautions will have this information communicated to team members while maintaining the resident's dignity and privacy.

### **PROCEDURE:**

#### **Process of identifying isolation room:**

- Individuals requiring isolation must be placed in a single room on Additional Precautions. Where this is not possible, individuals may be placed in a room with no more than one (1) other resident who must also be placed in isolation under Additional Precautions, and every effort must be made to allow for adequate space (minimum two metres) between beds. For the purposes of isolation, there should not be more than two (2) residents placed per room, regardless of the number of licensed beds in the room.
- Ideally the resident isolating would have their own bathroom, when this is not feasible, they will have a dedicated washroom.
- If it is not possible to provide a separate room for each resident, positive residents can be cohorted together with a physical barrier separating them (e.g. Plexiglas or curtain)
- If there is not enough available space, additional spaces (e.g. recreational room, chapel, dining area, etc.) can be used for cohorting purposes
- It is important to consider that use of auxiliary space requires preparation and must comply with building codes, fire safety, etc. and have access to call bells

### **PROCEDURE:**

The Infection Prevention & Control Program Manager will:

1. Send a notice to all departments indicating that the resident has been placed on isolation. It is the responsibility of the department manager to ensure that this is communicated to all department team members.



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2. Send a memo to all department managers when isolation precautions are discontinued, informing them of the change and ensuring that the signage is removed.

The Nurse will:

1. Reflect the additional precautions in the plan of care.
2. Place a notice on the resident's door/space indicating the type of additional precautions in place (do not indicate any diagnosis or type of infection on sign). An additional sign requesting "Visitors Please Check with a Care Team Member Prior to Entering" may be used. This signage is for the benefit of families and other residents to cue them to inquire about any precautions needing to be taken.
3. Place any specific information inside the top drawer of the Isolation Precaution station, outside the resident's room.
4. Update the plan of care and communicate at shift change for 24 hours once precautions are discontinued.

### **Resources:**

[subsection 269\(1\) of O. Reg. 246/22](#)

Minister's Directive: COVID-19 response measures for long-term care homes; August 30, 2022  
Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021,  
O. Reg. 246/22