

Ministry of Long-Term Care

Long-Term Care Operations Division
Long-Term Care Inspections Branch

Central East District

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Public Report

Report Issue Date: May 8, 2025

Inspection Number: 2025-1513-0002

Inspection Type:

Critical Incident

Licensee: Unionville Home Society

Long Term Care Home and City: Union Villa, Unionville

INSPECTION SUMMARY

The inspection occurred onsite on the following date(s): May 5, 6, 7, 2025

The following intake(s) were inspected:

- An Intake related to Enteric Outbreak

The following **Inspection Protocols** were used during this inspection:

Infection Prevention and Control

INSPECTION RESULTS

COMPLIANCE ORDER CO #001 Infection prevention and control program

NC # 001 Compliance Order pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 2.

Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 102 (8)

Infection prevention and control program

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s. 102 (8) The licensee shall ensure that all staff participate in the implementation of the program, including, for greater certainty, all members of the leadership team, including the Administrator, the Medical Director, the Director of Nursing and Personal Care and the infection prevention and control lead. O. Reg. 246/22, s. 102 (8).

The inspector is ordering the licensee to comply with a Compliance Order [FLTCA, 2021, s. 155 (1) (a)]:

1) The IPAC lead or designate to complete a daily audit at one meal service (alternate meal services to include all three meals) for three weeks, on residents being assisted with hand hygiene.

2) Provide on-the-spot education required and corrective actions to the staff if issues are identified in the audits

3) The audits must be documented and should include the following: the date and time of the audit, the home area, and the auditor's name, and any remedial actions taken when issues are identified, Provide the documented records to the Inspector upon request.

Grounds

The licensee has failed to ensure that all staff participated in the implementation of the program in regard to the home's policy titled Hand Hygiene Program Policy when they did not assist the resident with hand hygiene prior to mealtime., the licensee was required to ensure that all residents were provided hand hygiene before meals.

During lunch observations in two different resident home areas, several residents were not offered hand hygiene before their meal. The IPAC Lead verified the observations, and the expectation was that residents should be provided with hand hygiene prior to meals.

The home's hand hygiene policy stated that residents were to be encouraged or assisted to perform hand hygiene at all times, specifically prior to eating meals or nourishments.

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Failure to practice hand hygiene prior to the meal places residents at increased risk of healthcare-associated infections.

Sources: Policy titled Hand Hygiene Program Policy, Observations and Interviews with the IPAC Lead.

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REVIEW/APPEAL INFORMATION

TAKE NOTICE The Licensee has the right to request a review by the Director of this (these) Order(s) and/or this Notice of Administrative Penalty (AMP) in accordance with section 169 of the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 (Act). The licensee can request that the Director stay this (these) Order(s) pending the review. If a licensee requests a review of an AMP, the requirement to pay is stayed until the disposition of the review.

Note: Under the Act, a re-inspection fee is not subject to a review by the Director or an appeal to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board (HSARB). The request for review by the Director must be made in writing and be served on the Director within 28 days from the day the order or AMP was served on the licensee.

The written request for review must include:

- (a) the portions of the order or AMP in respect of which the review is requested;
- (b) any submissions that the licensee wishes the Director to consider; and
- (c) an address for service for the licensee.

The written request for review must be served personally, by registered mail, email or commercial courier upon:

Director

c/o Appeals Coordinator
Long-Term Care Inspections Branch
Ministry of Long-Term Care
438 University Avenue, 8th floor
Toronto, ON, M7A 1N3
e-mail: MLTC.AppealsCoordinator@ontario.ca

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If service is made by:

- (a) registered mail, is deemed to be made on the fifth day after the day of mailing
- (b) email, is deemed to be made on the following day, if the document was served after 4 p.m.
- (c) commercial courier, is deemed to be made on the second business day after the commercial courier received the document

If the licensee is not served with a copy of the Director's decision within 28 days of receipt of the licensee's request for review, this(these) Order(s) is(are) and/or this AMP is deemed to be confirmed by the Director and, for the purposes of an appeal to HSARB, the Director is deemed to have served the licensee with a copy of that decision on the expiry of the 28-day period.

Pursuant to s. 170 of the Act, the licensee has the right to appeal any of the following to HSARB:

- (a) An order made by the Director under sections 155 to 159 of the Act.
- (b) An AMP issued by the Director under section 158 of the Act.
- (c) The Director's review decision, issued under section 169 of the Act, with respect to an inspector's compliance order (s. 155) or AMP (s. 158).

HSARB is an independent tribunal not connected with the Ministry. They are established by legislation to review matters concerning health care services. If the licensee decides to request an appeal, the licensee must give a written notice of appeal within 28 days from the day the licensee was served with a copy of the order, AMP or Director's decision that is being appealed from. The appeal notice must be given to both HSARB and the Director:

Health Services Appeal and Review Board

Attention Registrar
151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor

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Upon receipt, the HSARB will acknowledge your notice of appeal and will provide instructions regarding the appeal and hearing process. A licensee may learn more about the HSARB on the website www.hsarb.on.ca.