

Inspection Report Under the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021

Ministry of Long-Term Care

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

Toronto District

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Original Public Report	
Long Term Care Home and City: Cawthra Gardens, Mississauga	
Inspector Digital Signature	

INSPECTION SUMMARY

The Inspection occurred on the following date(s): December 21-23, 2022

The following intake was completed in this Follow up inspection:

• Intake #00013919 - Second Follow up to Compliance Order (CO) #002 under inspection #2022_1396_0001; related to LTCHA, s. 19. (1) - Duty to protect.

Previously Issued Compliance Order(s)

The following previously issued Compliance Order was found to be in compliance:

Compliance Order #002 from Inspection #2022-1396-0001 related to LTCHA, 2007, s. 19 (1) inspected by Wing-Yee Sun (#708239).

The following Inspection Protocols were used during this inspection:

Infection Prevention and Control Prevention of Abuse and Neglect



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INSPECTION RESULTS

WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Infection Prevention and Control Program

NC #001 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1. Non-compliance with: O.Reg. 246/22, s. 102 (2) (b)

The licensee has failed to ensure any standard or protocol issued by the Director with respect to Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) was implemented.

The "Infection Prevention and Control Standard for Long-Term Care Homes April, 2022" (IPAC Standard) sets out requirements for Personal Protective Equipment use. Specifically, additional requirement 6.4 under the IPAC Standard requires the licensee to ensure that individuals have access to fit-testing where fit-testing is required for specific equipment.

Rationale and Summary

On a specified home area, a Personal Support Worker (PSW) was observed wearing a N95 respirator over a surgical mask, while in a resident room that was on droplet and contact precautions.

The licensee's policy titled "Respiratory Protection Program – N95 Mask Fit Testing" required all staff in the home to receive their respirator fit testing within 30 days of hire.

The PSW acknowledged they were taking care of residents on the unit that were symptomatic for coronavirus (COVID-19). The IPAC Lead and an Associate Director of Care (ADOC) acknowledged that to achieve a proper seal nothing should be worn underneath the N95 respirator. The IPAC Lead acknowledged that by not wearing the N95 respirator properly, there was increased risk of transmission of infection to other residents. The ADOC acknowledged that the PSW was hired more than 30 days ago, and the respirator fit testing was not provided.

Sources: Observations on an identified date, home's COVID-19 line list, the licensee's policy titled "Respiratory Protection Program – N95 Mask Fit Testing" – LTC-CA-WQ-205-05-06 – revision dated: October 2022, electronic mail communication regarding New Hire Approval Request for a PSW, interviews with a PSW, an ADOC and other staff.

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