

**Ministry of Long-Term Care**

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

**North District**

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**Public Report**

**Report Issue Date:** March 6, 2025

**Inspection Number:** 2025-1353-0001

**Inspection Type:**

Complaint  
Critical Incident

**Licensee:** Valley East Long Term Care Centre Inc.

**Long Term Care Home and City:** Elizabeth Centre, Val Caron

**INSPECTION SUMMARY**

The inspection occurred onsite on the following date(s): February 24 to 28, 2025

The following intake(s) were inspected:

- One intake related to resident care;
- One intake related to outbreaks;
- One intake related to operations of the home.

The following intake(s) were completed in this inspection.

- One intake related to outbreaks.

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

- Housekeeping, Laundry and Maintenance Services
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Prevention of Abuse and Neglect
- Staffing, Training and Care Standards
- Residents' Rights and Choices
- Falls Prevention and Management

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## INSPECTION RESULTS

### WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Maintenance Services

NC #001 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

**Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 96 (2) (b)**

Maintenance services

s. 96 (2) The licensee shall ensure that procedures are developed and implemented to ensure that,

(b) all equipment, devices, assistive aids and positioning aids in the home are kept in good repair, excluding the residents' personal aids or equipment;

The licensee has failed to ensure that the home's maintenance service procedure related to equipment in the home, was followed.

Pursuant to O. Reg. 246/22 s. 11 (1) (b), the licensee was required to ensure that written procedures were developed for maintenance services and to ensure they were complied with.

An incident occurred in relation to a piece of equipment not functioning properly. In review of records, it was identified that the procedure for reporting and requesting repair of the damaged equipment was not followed.

**Sources:** Home's records; Home's policy; Interviews with staff.

### COMPLIANCE ORDER CO #001 Infection prevention and control program

NC #002 Compliance Order pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 2.

**Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 102 (12) 2.**

Infection prevention and control program

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s. 102 (12) The licensee shall ensure that the following immunization and screening measures are in place:

2. Residents must be offered immunization against influenza and COVID-19 at the appropriate time each year.

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

The Licensee must:

1) Develop and implement a documented plan to address the requirements that were not met in the home's 2024 immunization program.

2) Develop a documented plan for the 2025 immunization program that can also be used going forward, to ensure that the requirements are in place in relation to the specified areas.

**Grounds**

The licensee has failed to offer immunization to all residents against influenza and Covid-19 at the appropriate time of year.

As of a specified date residents were still pending for the Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.

**Sources:** Home's records; Interviews with staff and representatives involved with the home.

**This order must be complied with by** April 11, 2025

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## REVIEW/APEAL 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, 8<sup>th</sup> floor  
Toronto, ON, M7A 1N3  
e-mail: [MLTC.AppealsCoordinator@ontario.ca](mailto: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, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON, M5S 1S4

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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](http://www.hsarb.on.ca).