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POLICY:

The Osgoode Care Centre will have a current outbreak and emergency response plan for a declared pandemic. It is noted that in the event of a pandemic, information and requirements may change rapidly as the situation evolves. Provincial mandates will supersede local practice as the highest authority where applicable unless otherwise directed.

PROCEDURE:

The CEO will:

1. Ensure that the home is represented on any local community committee that is developing pandemic guidelines;
2. Involve all members of the Leadership Team in development of the Home's plan;
3. Ensure that the pandemic plan for the home reflects specific guidelines from the local Public Health Unit, Ontario Ministry of Health and Public Health Agency of Canada

References:

Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (Public Health Ontario) Prevention and Management of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes, June 2020

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/ltrh/2020/06/covid-19-prevention-management-ltrh.pdf?la=en>

Government of Canada, COVID-19 pandemic guidance for the health care sector, April 22, 2020

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/covid-19-pandemic-guidance-health-care-sector.html>