

<b>MANUAL:</b> <i>HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</i>	<b>HOME SPECIFIC NAME:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Fairfield Park</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Brouillette Manor</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>LaPointe-Fisher Nursing Home</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Corporate</b>
<b>TITLE:</b> <i>CODE ORANGE – FLOODING (EXTERNAL)</i>	<b>SECTION:</b> <b>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS</b>
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**POLICY:**

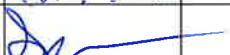
The home shall have an emergency plan in place in the event of widespread external flooding due to circumstances outside of the control of the Home (i.e. severe storms, fast ice melts, excessive rainfalls). The emergency code denoting this situation shall be "Code Orange".

**DEFINITIONS:**

***The Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority*** provides flood advisories and warnings to municipalities and individuals in flood prone areas. They monitor and evaluate weather conditions and river flows on ice jams.

***St. Clair Region Conservation Authority*** is responsible for monitoring and issuing warnings within the St. Clair River Region in flood prone areas. The Authority monitors stream flow conditions and should a flood be imminent, the Municipal Flood Coordinators and the media are contacted and officials take appropriate action. There are five types of notices sent to the media and municipalities depending on watershed conditions:

1. Normal (Green)

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## 2. Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety (Yellow)

High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.

## 3. Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook (Yellow)

Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.

## 4. Flood Watch (Orange)

Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services, and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

## 5. Flood Warning (Red)

Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities.

### **PROCEDURES:**

#### **TRAINING & EDUCATION**

Staff shall be trained on this plan upon hire and provided with refresher education annually thereafter.

Residents and/or their legal representative will be advised, on admission, that the current version of the emergency plans are available on the Home's website and a copy of such plans can be made available upon request.

#### **TESTING OF PLAN**

This plan shall be tested annually.

#### **ACTIVATION OF PLAN**

- The Home shall follow all direction from local emergency services (fire department or police).

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- The Administrator, Maintenance Manager and Director of Nursing shall gather all the information that is available at the time.
- The RN or designate will page using the overhead paging system to alert staff of a code ORANGE. The RN or designate will page Code Orange and the type of emergency 3 times. For example "code orange – external flooding."
- Registered Staff will check all outdoor areas and direct all residents to come inside the building.
- The water supply may be affected and/or shut off by the city to protect its safety from flooding contaminates. Therefore, upon notice of a flood warning, staff shall be instructed to fill containers for potable drinking water.
- Toilets may not be functioning during a flood event. A quick test will be to flush the toilet to see if the water goes down. If it does not go down, then it is likely that the flood waters have flooded the sewer mains completely.
- The Maintenance Manager or designate shall then turn off the main electrical disconnect to shut off the electricity to the entire building to prevent fires and electrical shorting. The municipality's electric utility provider may have already shut the section of the municipality down pending the flooding event, if it is to be severe.
- Supervisory staff must ensure that all exit doors are monitored for exit-seeking residents until the power has been restored and the door security system is reactivated.
- Staff will await further instruction from management or Emergency Services.

## EVACUATION

In the event an evacuation of the home is required, refer to the emergency plan, "Code Green – Evacuation".

## REPORTING

Review Critical Incident/Mandatory Reporting procedure and complete, if required.

## COMMUNICATION

The Home shall communicate to residents, substitute decision-makers, if any, staff, volunteers, students, caregivers, the Residents' Council and the Family Council, if any, on the emergency in the home

- ✓ at the beginning of the emergency,
- ✓ when there is a significant change throughout the course of the emergency
- ✓ when the emergency is declared over

## RECOVERY

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A debrief is provided for residents, substitute decision-makers, staff, volunteers and students involved.

The Administrator or delegate will ensure resumption of regular operations of the home takes place (i.e. coordinate with managers, service providers and support workers to ensure all essential services are in place)

Coordination with Social Services to meet with residents, families and staff who may have experienced distress during the emergency, to offer support and resources.

## EVALUATION

The emergency plan shall be evaluated annually and updated, if needed. If the plan has been activated, it shall be evaluated within 30 days of the emergency being declared over and updated, if needed.

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