CSA Z8004:22, Long-term care home operations and infection prevention and control

250,000+ Canadians live in long-term care facilities¹

80+% of all COVID-19 deaths reported during the first wave were residents of nursing and seniors’ homes¹

Driving principles of the Standard

- Person-centred care (PCC)
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI)
- Other principles

IPAC topics covered in CSA Z8004:22

- IPAC programs
- Hand hygiene
- PPEs
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Laundry services
- Emerging technologies

Other topics covered in CSA Z8004:22

- Design of the LTC homes maximizing the dignity, privacy, and autonomy of residents and connection of LTC homes with surrounding communities
- LTC home building systems that contribute to a safe and comfortable environment for residents, staff, and visitors, including plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC), medical gas systems, electrical and electronic building systems, and security systems
- Information technology (IT) design, selection, and implementation to help keep LTC home residents connected with their families and care providers, including data management and privacy
- Catastrophic event management plans to minimize operations disruptions due to a loss of power, extreme weather, airshare, and organic contamination, or other internal and external catastrophic events
- Training and education for LTC home staff on various topics, including sexual expression and intimacy, indigenous languages, waste management, IPAC, IT systems, and catastrophic event management

Who will benefit from this Standard?

- Local & regional governments
- Developers
- Consultants
- Home Builders
- Mortgage Lenders
- Real Estate Brokers
- Insurers
- Building Inspectors
- Water Utilities

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Facilitate research and development of new standards for LTC homes, including CSA Z8004, Mental health and well-being in long-term care and assisted living settings (anticipated publication in 2024)

- Enhance engagement of stakeholders and the general public in the standards development and public review process
- Provide no-free view access to standards
- Help train and educate social and mental health support workers, crisis workers, LTC leadership teams, and other stakeholders
- Support policymakers and regulators in referencing CSA standards in regulations and implementing standards across all LTC homes