

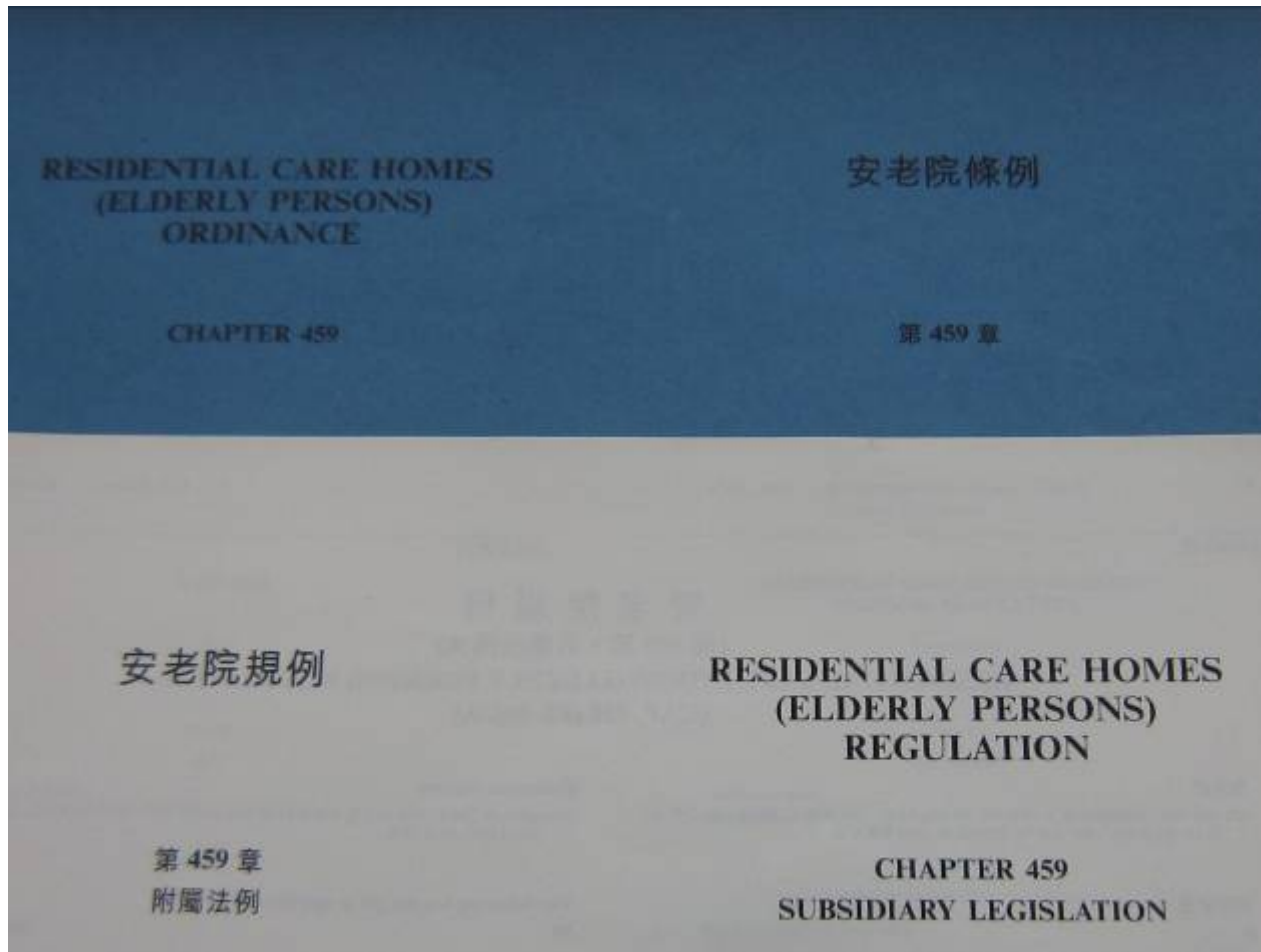


# Regulatory Requirements Relevant to Infection Control in RCHEs

Licensing Office of  
Residential Care Home for the Elderly  
(LORCHE)  
Social Welfare Department  
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# Grounds for Regulation



# Grounds for Regulation (2)



- Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance, Cap 459
- To regulate homes established for the residential care of persons who have attained the age of 60 years
- s.2: Residential Care Home (RCHE) means any premises at which > 5 persons (aged 60) are habitually received for the purposes of care while resident therein

# Grounds for Regulation (3)



- s.10: The Director may ...cancel or suspend the licence or refuse to renew the licence ... on the ground that ...
- any requirement, order or direction made... under this Ordinance has not been complied with by the licensee [S.10(d)]
- or if it appears to him that the RCHE has ... been operated in a manner contrary to the public interest [S.10(e)]



# Grounds for Regulation (4)



- S.17: The Director may appoint inspector of RCHE
- S.18: ...may at all reasonable times enter and inspect any RCHE ...require to produce any book, document...testing of any equipment, works or system used...



# Grounds for Regulation (5)



- S.22: The Director may issue from time to time Code of Practice setting out principles, procedures, guidelines and standards for the operation, keeping, management or other control of residential care homes



# Grounds for Regulation (6)



- Code of Practice for RCHEs (CoP)
- October 2005 (revised)
- Consultation & endorsement from stakeholders



# Requirements on Infection Control under CoP



- Ch. 12 – Infection Control
  1. Designated Infection Control Officer (ICO)
  2. Prevention of Infectious Diseases
  3. Management of Infectious Diseases
- Ch. 4 & Ch. 7 – Building and Equipment
- Ch. 9 – Staff Training





# Infection Control Officer (ICO)



- Should designate a nurse/ health worker/ home manager for self-care hostel
- Duties (CoP 12.2)
  1. Coordinate and oversee all matters related to infection control and the prevention of infectious diseases in the RCHE
  2. Disseminate updated information and guidelines on infection control to all staff and residents in the RCHE
  3. Assist the home manager (HM) in arranging training on infection control for staff



# Infection Control Officer (ICO)(2)



4. Assist the HM in overseeing that the infection control guidelines are being observed and implemented properly
5. Oversee that all medical equipment and other instruments are properly disinfected after use, and soiled linens and wastes are properly handled and disposed of
6. Assist the HM in arranging the provision of the necessary PPE and advise and supervise staff on the proper application and disposal of PPE



# Infection Control Officer (ICO)(3)



7. Observe for signs and symptoms of infectious diseases in residents and staff; assist the HM to report cases or suspected cases of infectious diseases to LORCHE and as appropriate; provide information as necessary to CHP to facilitate their investigation; and collaborate with CHP to contain the spread of the infectious disease
8. Assist the HM in assessing the risk of infectious disease outbreak in the RCHE; regularly review and devise strategies to prevent infectious disease outbreaks



# Prevention



- Good hygiene
- Standard precautions & transmission-based precautions (CoP 12.3)
  1. Hand washing (with facilities)
  2. Proper handling of body secretion
  3. PPE



# Prevention (2)



4. Update with latest recommendation of precautionary level for infectious disease control by the Government
5. Annual Influenza vaccination for both residents and staff
6. Proper disposal of contaminated articles, e.g. sharp box



# Management (CoP 12.4)



- HM/ ICO should promptly report the case to CHP as well as LORCHE for information and advice
- In the event of any resident suffering from any infectious disease, the sick resident should be cohorted in a designated area or room with good ventilation, proper disposal of personal and clinical waste as well as basic hand-washing facilities. Prompt medical consultation should be sought and measures of precaution should be taken to ensure that the health of other residents is not endangered.



# Management (2)



- Essential information should be entered in the log book and the individual health record of the resident
- Record of infectious diseases should include:
  1. Date of the onset of disease
  2. Number and name of resident(s) and staff being affected
  3. Name of hospital/clinic/registered medical practitioner and the date of receiving medical treatment
  4. Date of notifying CHP/Licensing Office/Hospital Authority
  5. Follow-up action of the RCHE



# Management (3)



- The HM/ICO should keep visitor's attendance record for contact tracing purpose by the DH in case of need. They should inform/alert visitors and/or relatives of the infectious disease outbreak as situation warrants





# Management (4) – Mandatory reporting



- S.18 of RCH (Elderly Persons) Regulation, if a HM suspects or knows of a case of infectious disease amongst the residents or staff of a RCH or suspects or knows that any such person has been in contact with a case of infectious disease, he shall immediately so report to Director of Social Welfare.
- The HM/ICO should bring the sick resident/staff to attention of a medical practitioner and at the same time ensure that the case is reported to CHP in accordance with the Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Diseases Regulations, Cap. 141, Sub. Leg. P



# Building and Equipment



- Waste Fitment and Ventilation (CoP 4.9.3)
  1. Sewage and drainage systems must be properly installed, regularly inspected and always kept in working order
  2. The home premises including staff and residents' areas, toilet and bathroom should be properly ventilated



# Building and Equipment (2)



- Medical Equipment & Supplies for Infection Control (CoP 7.8 - 23)
  1. PPE items including surgical mask, surgical/disposable gloves, disposable caps and gowns, and goggles should be provided sufficiently depending on the number of staff and residents and some should be reserved for the visitors



# Building and Equipment (3)



Items	Minimum Quantity Recommended
Chopping boards	at least 2 sets, one for raw food and one for cooked food
Container with cover/cupboard with door for cooking utensils/groceries	depends on the number of residents
Garbage bin with lid	depends on need
Screen windows/doors/ventilation openings and insect electrocuting device (I.E.D.)	depends on need (To place the I.E.D. along the most critical insect pathways e.g. entrances doorways and other bottlenecks, vestibules)



# Staff Training



- The home operator and HM should encourage and facilitate continuous training of their staff through on-site as well as off-site training to keep them abreast of good infection control practice in elderly care (CoP 9.5.3)



# Concluding Remarks



- Regulatory Requirements Vs Best Practice
- Prosecution/ Warning Vs Advice
- Insight
- Joint Efforts

