



It is the policy of the organization to provide residents of Liberty Commons with the opportunity to participate in outdoor group activities following federal and state regulatory agency guidelines for transmission-based precautions during COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose and objectives of this policy are to afford a safe environment for residents participating in outdoor group activities and entertainment while maintaining infection control practices and transmission-based precautions instituted by regulations and other guidance related to COVID-19 pandemic mitigation efforts. Facility assures adequate supplies of personal protective equipment and essential cleaning/disinfection supplies are available to assure safe and clean dining environment.

1. Each resident is monitored for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 per Liberty Commons respiratory symptoms surveillance policy.
2. Residents presenting with any respiratory symptoms will not be allowed to participate in outdoor group activities until are fully recovered from the illness. Only residents who have fully recovered from COVID-19 and those residents not in isolation for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 status can participate in small group activities in designated outdoor spaces.
3. Designated outdoor activities spaces are the main courtyard and Oyster Pond West courtyard. To accommodate 6 feet distancing rule, there can be no more than 10 residents at the time present in main courtyard and no more than 4 residents present at OPW courtyard.
4. Activities staff maintains a schedule so all residents who are interested to small group outdoor activities have the opportunity to participate.
5. All residents must maintain a distance of 6 feet from each other during all activities.
6. Residents must wash their hands before leaving his/her room (staff assists with the task as needed) and again upon return to his/her room. Staff also facilitates appropriate hand hygiene before and after activities requiring equipment (balls, noodles etc) which must be disinfected with an approved cleaning product after each use. Any supplies that cannot be disinfected (coloring, painting, drawing, writing materials and supplies) must be patient specific and appropriately discarded if resident does not want to keep the product.
7. Masks must be worn by staff at all times.
8. Residents will be required to wear a mask to participate in small - group outdoor activities.

9. Staff performs appropriate hand hygiene with soap and water or alcohol-based hand gel at the beginning, between and after all activities.
10. It is preferred that staff assignments for outdoor group activities remain consistent. Decrease floating of assignments whenever possible.
11. If the facility experiences staffing shortage and is under a contingency staffing plan, all outdoor group activities are immediately suspended.



It is the policy of the organization to provide residents of Liberty Commons with the opportunity to eat meals in communal dining spaces following federal and state regulatory agency guidelines for transmission-based precautions during COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose and objectives of this policy are to afford a safe environment for residents during meals while maintaining infection control practices and transmission-based precautions instituted by regulations and other guidance related to COVID-19 pandemic mitigation efforts. Facility assures adequate supplies of personal protective equipment and essential cleaning/disinfection supplies are available to assure safe and clean dining environment.

Communal Dining Procedure:

12. Each resident is monitored for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 per Liberty Commons respiratory symptoms surveillance policy.
13. Residents presenting with any respiratory symptoms will not be allowed to eat in the communal dining areas and will be confined to his/her room until are fully recovered from the illness. Only residents who have fully recovered from COVID-19 and those residents not in isolation for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 status can participate in communal dining.
14. Dining tables located in the main dining room, Stage Harbor dayroom, Oyster Pond West dayroom and Oyster Pond North day room are placed to facilitate the table distance of 6 feet apart. Dining space of the main dining room is at this time available for dining of OPN residents only. Under any circumstances is staff allowed to move tables from their pre-set location as this distance must be respected at all times to facilitate and maintain prescribed distance per regulatory guidelines.
15. Each resident will be assigned a specific dining space in the designated dining area and this space can be occupied by this resident only. Staff assures resident dines in his/hers designated space only (changes to designated seating must be approved by IP, DON or Administrator). All residents must maintain a distance of 6 feet from each other while eating with no more than 2 residents at one table.
16. Each dining area must have a plan of seating assignments easily accessible for staff reference.
17. Residents must perform a complete hand hygiene prior to meal (staff assists with the task as needed) and again upon return to his/her room.

18. Masks and eye protection (goggles) must be worn by staff at all times during the residents' mealtime. Staff is not allowed to eat or drink in communal dining spaces while residents are eating.
19. Residents will be required to wear a mask when out of his/her room except when they are eating and drinking during the meal.
20. Dining tables will be disinfected with an approved cleaning product before and after each meal.
21. Clean tablecloths are placed on each table during meal set up and removed and laundered after each meal.
22. Staff performs hand hygiene with soap and water or alcohol-based hand gel before serving a meal to each resident.
23. If rotating meal schedule is allowed for MDR, tables must be disinfected and set up with new tablecloths prior to the resident arrival
24. Meal trays will come up on trucks designated for each dining area – e.g. MDR, OPW/N dayrooms, SH dayroom. Buffet style dining remains suspended.
25. The truck should remain close to the entrance of each area where the staff may remove the trays and distribute to the residents.
26. Once meals are consumed the trays will be collected and placed back in the truck.
27. The kitchen staff will wear gloves when removing the dirty trays and place in the dishwasher.
28. The empty truck will be cleaned and disinfected per house policy prior to next use.
29. It is preferred that staff assignments while in the dining room remain consistent with resident care assignments. Decrease floating of assignments whenever possible. Only assigned nursing staff is at this time allowed to serve meals in the main dining room area.
30. If the facility experiences is under a contingency staffing plan, all communal dining is immediately suspended.