

It is the policy of the organization to provide The Victorian's residents 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.

Procedure Communal Dining

1. Monitor for signs and symptoms of Covid 19 daily i.e. daily temperature checks with monitoring for presence of respiratory symptoms.
2. Individual residents may eat in the designated dining areas only. Only two residents per table with each table being at least 6 feet apart. All residents will maintain a distance of 6 feet from each other while eating with no more than 2 residents at one table.
3. Residents showing symptoms of Covid-19 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.
4. Dining tables will be located in all communal areas including the dining room, lobby, Pub and Avalon library to facilitate maintaining the table distance of 6 feet apart.
5. Residents will be asked to wash their hands before leaving his/her room and again upon return to his/her room.
6. Masks will be worn by staff at all times during the meal. Staff should refrain from eating or drinking while dining room when residents are eating
7. Residents will be required to wear a mask when out of his/her room except when they are actually eating and drinking during the meal.
8. Dining tables will be disinfected with an approved cleaning product before and after each meal.
9. Clean tablecloths will be placed on each table during meal set up and removed and laundered after each meal.
10. Staff will perform hand hygiene with soap and water or alcohol-based hand gel before serving a resident.
11. It is preferred that staff assignments while in the dining room remain consistent with resident care assignments. Decrease floating of assignments whenever possible.