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Limited Communal Dining

SNF Provider Weekly Zoom
Meeting – 08/06/2020

Review

- March 13, 2020 (CMS)
- Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Nursing Homes (REVISED)
- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-14-nh-revised.pdf>
- Dining Related Excerpt
Additional guidance:
Cancel communal dining and all group activities, such as internal and external group activities

Review

CDC

- Retrieved 05/01/2020
- “Preparing for COVID-19: Long-term Care Facilities, Nursing Homes”
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html>

(Excerpt)

- **Prevent spread of COVID-19:**
- Actions to take now:
- Cancel all group activities and communal dining.

CMS

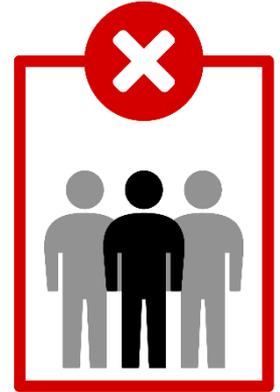
- April 24, 2020 - Ref: QSO-20-28-NH
- “...and Frequently Asked Questions.”
 - <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-28-nh.pdf>

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- **14. Q: Communal Dining: Are all residents forced to eat in their room?**

CMS “Starting” Points – not all inclusive

- Follow social distancing
- Seated at separate tables at least six feet apart
- **Only** applies to residents **without** signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection
- And **without** a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19



Nursing Home Reopening Recommendations – May 18, 2020

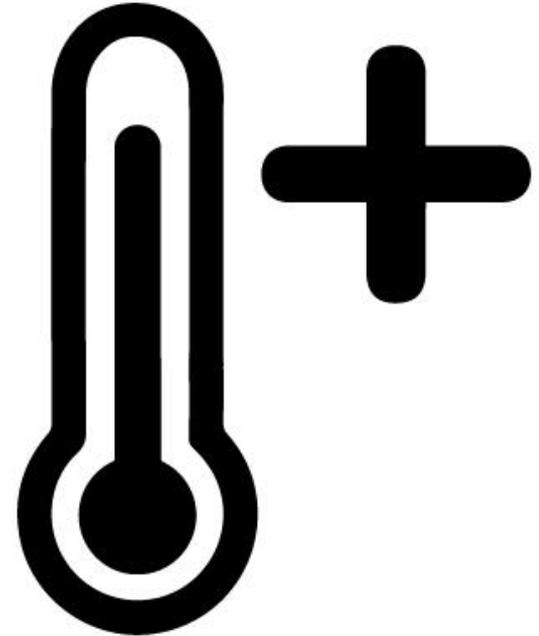
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Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3

Communal dining limited (for COVID-19 negative or asymptomatic residents only), but residents may eat in the same room with social distancing (limited number of people at tables and spaced by at least 6 feet).

Important

- Universal Source Control Measures must be implemented
- Routine screening of residents, staff, and anyone that has to enter the facility
- Staffing



- No COVID or exposure to COVID in the facility for at least 14 days
- Dining room cleaning and sanitizing before residents come and after leaving
- Hand Hygiene – for residents coming to the dining room and leaving the dining
- Manage the movement – only those that need to be there



- Don't clear dishes until all residents have left the dining room
- Serve everything at once to lessen time and movement in the dining room
- No before or after meal dilly-dallying
- All residents wear masks entering and exiting
- Nothing on the table, including condiments
- No carts going table to table



Update on Plexiglas Dividers

- Barriers do not provide a zero risk solution
- Six (6) feet still needs to be maintained

Additional info:

<https://www.ehs.washington.edu/system/files/resources/COVID-19-plexiglass-barriers-workplace.pdf>



