

POLICY

In accordance with federal guidelines for canceling communal dining during COVID-19 to ensure the health and safety of the facility's residents to meet the standards required to help each resident attain or maintain their highest level of well-being.

PURPOSE

This policy is intended to provide guidance for assisting residents that require assistance with eating. To implement social distancing to ensure appropriate residents are assisted with feeding.

PROCEDURES

1. All residents will be evaluated using the observation in the resident's EHR titled "Trilogy Dining/Eating Assistance Needed".
2. Any resident identified as requiring assistance will be assisted by a staff member.
3. An order for meals in restorative dining room will be entered the resident's EHR.
4. A copy of the order will be given to Dining Services.
5. The Main dining room may be used for Restorative dining during COVID-19.
6. Resident's comprehensive care plan should reflect the need for assistance in feeding.
7. Residents evaluated as requiring assistance will be placed in the Restorative dining room as follows:
 - a. One resident per table.
 - b. Tables at least six (6) feet apart.
8. Staff member will maintain infection control and perform frequent hand hygiene.
9. Resident's intake will be recorded in Care Tracker.

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Forms:	Trilogy Dining/Eating Assistance Needed
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Short Description:	To provide guidance for assisting residents with eating to ensure appropriate residents are fed safely.