

Helen Purcell

Policies and Procedures

Department: Dining/Nursing

Subject: COVID-19 Communal Dining Policy

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(COVID-19) Communal Dining Policy

It is the policy of the Helen Purcell Home to strive to minimize and/or prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) through our facility, while letting residents gather for communal dining. Helen Purcell is following the policies of the Ohio Department of Health, and the recommendations of the Muskingum County Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control, and our Medical Director as they relate to Residential Care Facilities.

The following procedures are to be followed:

1. All residents are to wear a face mask to the dining room.
2. Hand sanitizer is to be used entering and exiting dining areas.
3. Residents will be served on regular dinnerware.
4. In the Shinnick Dining Room only those residents that are vaccinated will attend.
5. Surfaces in the dining areas will be sanitized according to CDC guidelines after meals. This includes seating, tabletops, and any other surfaces likely to be touched during the meal.
6. If a resident is not up to date with vaccines (Up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines refers to when you have received all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended for you, when eligible), residents that are dining in a communal area should use a surgical mask when not eating and unvaccinated residents should maintain six-foot social distancing. Residents will be educated on the importance of remaining up to date on all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended, source control (proper fitting facial covering that covers the mouth and nose) and social distancing.
7. Dining Room could be closed if there is an active case of COVID-19 in the facility based on units involved.
8. If a Suspected or Positive COVID-19 case or a resident is in isolation at Helen Purcell meals will be served on disposable dinnerware.
9. At this time Communal Dining will remain closed to guests.

*****THIS POLICY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****