

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Bulletin #19b: COVID-19 Updates

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To further reduce the potential for community transmission of COVID-19 to our patients and staff, the following processes will be implemented:

Patient Personal Items

Horizon will accept patient personal items that can be easily cleaned with a disinfectant and meet revised screening criteria. Examples of accepted items include electronic devices/accessories, glasses, and hearing aids etc. Clothing and food will not be permitted.

Take-Out Orders and Food Storage

Take-out food orders from licensed establishments can continue. The individual delivering the food will need to successfully pass the screening protocol before the food is accepted into the facility.

The consumption and storage of food must follow [Infection and Prevention and Control Routine Practices](#) where the food is kept and consumed in out of work areas i.e. lunch room.

Staff can continue to bring in food prepared in a household where no occupants are under isolation, to share with co-workers including baked goods and meals.

Prepackaged food from the manufacturer can be brought in and stored in approved locations including lunch rooms and patient care family rooms if applicable. These food items can be wiped clean.