

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE**

**Bulletin #171c – COVID-19 – ID-IPC – Eating and Drinking FAQs – Oct 4 2021**

**COVID-19 Infection Prevention & Control Guidance  
Eating and drinking in patient care areas Frequently Asked Questions**

The ID-IPC COVID-19 Committee was asked to consider allowing spill proof water bottles/coffee cups within patient care areas. Patient care areas are identified as the patient environment, nursing station and charting locations.

A comprehensive review of the literature was conducted and a “Frequently Asked Questions” education document was developed. After review of national standards and provincial legislation, ID-IPC supports staff to have their own water bottles/coffee cups in non-contaminated designated lunch/break rooms. This does not include nursing stations and charting locations.

Please see the attached [Eating and Drinking FAQ](#) document for further details. Please visit the [IPC Resources COVID-19 Skyline Page](#) for COVID-19 information.