

Clinical	Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Delivering items to Facility for Residents		
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PURPOSE

To provide guidelines on family members delivering items to the facility for resident use/consumption in order to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus. Current research and data shows that COVID-19 is detectable in aerosols for up to three hours, up to four hours on copper, up to 24 hours on cardboard and up to two to three days on plastic and stainless steel (<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/new-coronavirus-stable-hours-surfaces>). This is a temporary policy and will be reviewed periodically to determine the need for continued use.

POLICY:

The facility will conduct Infection Prevention practices to strive to prevent the spread of infectious diseases through cross contamination of items brought to the facility.

GUIDELINES:

1. The facility will attempt to limit the times when families, volunteers, charities, etc. can deliver items to the facility for resident use/consumption.
 - a. The recommendation is to set 1 or 2 pre-determined times a day to accommodate family deliveries.
2. The facility will notify the residents, families and any individual requesting to deliver items for resident use/consumption that the following will occur:
 - a. The items will be disinfected prior to delivering to the resident (if possible).
 - i. The facility will utilize facility and EPA approved disinfectant.
 - b. If items are unable to be disinfected (i.e. clothing, food items, etc.), the facility will hold the items in a designated secure location away from patient care areas for 24-72 hours before delivering the items to the resident.
 - i. The timeframe for holding the items will be determined based on current data as listed above.
3. Residents and stakeholders are permitted to order carry-out food to be delivered to the facility.
4. Mail will be delivered to residents daily by facility as per the usual process.
5. Residents can receive money through the resident trust fund per the usual process.

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