

**Resident Communal Activities in Healthcare Settings
Dining/Activities/Out Trips**

Statement

Determining the vaccination status of patients/residents/HCP at the time of the activity might be challenging and might be subject to local regulations. When determining vaccination status, the privacy of the patient/resident/HCP should be maintained (e.g., not asked in front of other patients/residents/HCP). For example, when planning for group activities or communal dining, facilities might consider having patients/residents sign up in advance so their vaccination status can be confirmed, and seating assigned. **If vaccination status cannot be determined, the safest practice is for all participants to follow all recommended infection prevention and control practices including maintaining physical distancing and wearing source control.**

Resident Protocols

- Group activities:
 - If all patients/residents participating in the activity are fully vaccinated, then they may choose to have close contact and to not wear source control during the activity.
 - If unvaccinated patients/residents are present, then all participants in the group activity should wear source control and unvaccinated patients/residents should physically distance from others.
- Communal dining:
 - Fully vaccinated patients/residents can participate in communal dining without use of source control or physical distancing.
 - If unvaccinated patients/residents are dining in a communal area (e.g., dining room) all patients/residents should use source control when not eating and unvaccinated patients/residents should continue to remain at least 6 feet from others.
- Patients/residents taking social excursions outside the facility should be educated about potential risks of public settings, particularly if they have not been fully vaccinated, and reminded to avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. They should be encouraged and assisted with adherence to all recommended infection prevention and control measures, including source control, physical distancing, and hand hygiene. If they are visiting friends or family in their homes, they should follow the source control and physical distancing recommendations for visiting with others in private settings as described in the [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#).

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html#anchor_1619116573222
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