

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

Bulletin #78 – COVID-19 – ID-IPC Personal Items Food – All Phases – Oct 19 2020

COVID-19 Patient Care and Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) Measures

Patient and designated visitor personal items – All phases

Patient/Designated Visitor personal items will be accepted into the facility if items can be easily wiped and cleaned with a disinfectant, and meet the screening criteria of being in a household where none of the occupants are on self-isolation

The following are examples of accepted and not accepted items but is not an all-inclusive list:

Item	Accepted (Easily cleaned and disinfected with a hospital provided wipe)			
	RED	ORANGE	YELLOW	GREEN
Electronic devices and accessories - Cell phones, laptops, tablets, E-readers, chargers.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Medical aids / equipment – Hearing aids, glasses, dentures in container, wheelchairs, braces, canes, walkers, baby car seat etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Personal Toiletries in sealed manufacturer packaging e.g. toothpaste, toothbrush in package, shampoo etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Footwear that can be wiped cleaned.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prepackaged food / beverages – Prepackaged and in sealed manufacturer’s packaging e.g granola bars, bottled water etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clothing – New or freshly laundered, which is placed in a plastic bag or container that can be easily cleaned and disinfected.	X	✓	✓	✓
Paper / cardboard products – Books, magazines, newspapers, and cards. These are not to be shared between patients.	X	✓	✓	✓

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<p>Flowers/plants* - Must be in a container that can be easily cleaned and disinfected.</p> <p>*Restrictions may apply to specific patient care units.</p>	X	✓	✓	✓
<p>Take out food from licensed establishments. This includes beverages in paper/plastic cups from a licensed establishment.</p> <p>The individual delivering the food will need to successfully pass the screening protocol at the facility's designated entrance before the food is accepted into the facility.</p>	X	X	✓	✓
<p>Home made food</p> <p>Stored in a container that can be easily cleaned and disinfected with a hospital wipe. The food container must be taken back home for cleaning and not left in the patient's room.</p>	X	X	✓	✓