

**Holiday Donations During COVID-19**

As families, team members, and the community begin the tradition of sending gifts and donations to our patients and residents during the holiday season, please follow these infection prevention guidelines to help ensure the safety of those we care for:

**Gifts**

* Homemade gifts are discouraged
* Manufacturer-packaged gifts are preferred, including having gifts prewrapped by the manufacturer if this service is available

**Food Items**

* Homemade food items are discouraged
* Pre-packaged food items are preferred
* Items shipped directly from the vendor are also a good option

**Gift Handling**

* If possible, departments should hold all donations/gifts aside for 1 week prior to distributing to the patient/resident