

Ideas for socializing while maintaining a six-foot distance

Based on the survey feedback, here are some creative ways facilities are facilitating social situations while maintaining a six-foot distance between residents/tenants and staff:

- Doorway bingo (*residents/tenants sit in their doorway with a tray table and staff calls bingo in the hallway or through the overhead pager system*), put on the call light for a prize; use paper bingo cards for easy disposal and pencils to mark their numbers.
- Doorway hymn sing and karaoke time
- Doorway exercise
- For facilities who have an internal TV channel, they can broadcast videos of family members playing instruments and/or singing, provide live chair exercises, bingo, movies and provide regular updates and communication
- Remote control car races in the hallway
- Social hour in the doorways
- Happy hour
- Theme days (*i.e.: margarita day, smores day, popcorn day, ice cream day, etc.*)
- Hallway entertainment with staff dancing, staff karaoke, or conducting sing-alongs (*silliness and laughter is encouraged*)
- Décor on window and messages outside of window
- Window visits by family (*often while talking on a cell phone*)
- Hallway book club
- Coffee cart
- Smoothie bar going room to room
- Easter egg decorating contests
- Newspaper reading through the overhead paging system
- Hallway ring toss
- All staff participating in 1:1's as time permits
- Day care parade walking around the perimeter of the building
- Staff cook waffles in the hallways and pass out for snacks
- Noodle hockey hitting a ball down the hall
- Doorway kickball, basketball, and ball toss
- Resident/tenant glamour shots
- Staff dress up days: workout wear Wednesday, pizza and pajama day, crazy sock day, with a staff parade each day to show off their outfits
- Resident/tenant choice meal each week
- Broomstick bowling (*bowl from their door using a broomstick*)
- Using Facetime to have a trivia contest competition against another nurse's station
- Bands playing in the parking lot so residents/tenants can watch
- Facility bus rides with no stops
- "Room Service": residents/tenants can fill out a card at the beginning of the day and in the afternoon, they receive whatever they request. Examples: granola bars, string cheese, coffee, other food and drinks.
- Family tic tac toe with residents/tenants through their windows – using soap as markers
- Solicit resident input regarding activities
- Have a contest for staff and ask them to offer activity idea; residents/tenants can vote on their favorite
- Serving meals for residents/tenants to eat while sitting in their doorway