

# Dispenser placement guide for Long Term Care



Think ahead.

# Public and staff areas

## Dispenser placement recommendations for care homes

In public spaces and staff areas dispenser visibility is very important for improved hygiene. Many visitors do not clean their hands when entering the facility\*. Giving easy access to and info about the importance of hand hygiene could have great benefit.



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## Entrance

Place hand sanitizers prominently at all entrances for visitors and staff. Use signs and posters to promote hand hygiene.

# 2

## Day room/Lounge

A day room or a lounge is a room with many shared spaces, and the risk for contamination is prevalent. We recommend hand sanitizers either on walls or stands. Place a centre feed dispenser with towels here for spills. Soap and hand towels in the kitchenette and napkin dispensers on the tables.

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## Utility room

Utility rooms play a critical role in infection control. We recommend conducting a work flow analysis, to strategically place the hand hygiene dispensers right in this room.

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## Public restroom

Hand sanitizers along with hand soap and hand towels should be available next to the sink in public restrooms. Use posters with instructions on how to handwash. Change posters regularly for optimal attention.



# Kitchen, dining and nourishment areas

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Elderly people are often a group at risk, why carefully selecting the food and secure safe food preparation is important. Good hand hygiene and cleaning is therefore essential to prevent harmful microorganisms from spreading and growing, and to avoid food poisoning. Food poisoning can cause very serious illness and infectious diseases can be more prone to spread in care settings.



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### Kitchen and dining

Food preparation areas should have a sufficient number sinks dedicated for hand hygiene. Each wash station should be equipped with soap and paper towel dispensers. Easy access to cleaning products is simple way to keep on top of hygiene. We recommend small or portable dispensers for crowded spaces at work stations. Napkin dispensers on every table in the dining area will be appreciated.

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### Nourishment room

Ensure that soap, hand towels are close to the sink and hand sanitizer available in the nourishment room. Secure access to surface cleaning products to wipe down counters and spills in refrigerator.

# Resident rooms and care areas

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Identifying the resident zone is particularly challenging in care homes, since residents are more mobile in the care home or facility as opposed to when they are hospitalized. However, "the point of care" is exactly where the care action takes place and is defined as "the place where 3 elements come together": the resident, the healthcare worker and care. Make sure to have dispensers strategically placed. Here is what we recommend.



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### Medication room

Combining the administrative work with handling medication in the medication room calls for clean hands. Make sure to have soap and handtowel dispensers available by the sink. And make sure to have hand sanitizer available in the room.

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### Examination room/Therapy

The examination room and the therapy room needs easy access to hygiene dispensers. Install hand sanitizers at point of care, preferably locked and mounted on the wall. Make sure to have hand towel and soap dispenser close to the sink. Make sure to have surface hygiene products to wipe down counters and exam tables after resident use as well as equipment and mats in the therapy room.

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### Resident rooms

Restroom dispensers from Tork are "easy to use" certified. Make sure to choose intuitive dispensers for toilet paper and soap in the resident room so the resident can be as independent as possible. We recommend soap, hand towels, hand sanitizer and toilet paper dispensers. Careful consideration should be given to the placement of hand hygiene dispensers in areas with residents that are disoriented.\*

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### Nurse station

The possibility of cross transmission is increased in this area where you share the space. Make sure to have hand sanitizer dispensers mounted at the nurse station. We recommend to have surface cleaning products available to wipe down shared workspaces and phones.