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Dear OSH Family and Friends,

OSH has recently had multiple incidents of discovering contraband within the secure perimeter. In response, beginning Monday, June 12, OSH will temporarily stop patient comingling on the Salem campus. This will primarily affect unit dining schedules, treatment malls and visitation.

- Patients will eat in the dining room and on the units on a rotational basis, like they did during the pandemic.
- Patients from the same unit can attend off-unit treatment services together such as treatment malls, supported education and vocational services at one time.
- Each patient can have two adult visitors at a time, and there is not a limit on child visitors. Visitors may still buy food at the Kirkbride Café to eat during the visit.

To provide a safe environment for patients, visitors, and staff, certain items are not allowed in the hospital. Contraband is always forbidden on OSH property. This includes, but is not limited to; controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, escape devices, tobacco products, weapons, and all prohibited items listed on the OSH Patient Property/Item Access List.

Passing contraband is a Class C felony. Any person who enters OSH property is subject to search if there is reasonable cause to believe the person may be in possession of contraband. A visitor who fails to comply may be restricted from visiting and/or may be referred to the Oregon State Police.

This pause in comingling across units only affects the Salem campus. Video visitation will continue to be available to all patients and their approved visitors.

Please contact Ombuds and Family Services if you have any questions.

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