

# IOOF SENIORS HOMES INC.

## POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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### POLICY

IOOF Seniors Homes Inc. menus will provide Residents with a variety of foods, including fresh seasonal foods, each day from all food groups in keeping with Canada's Food Guide as it exists from time to time.

The Local Food Procurement Policy (LFPP) supports the above by ensuring fresh seasonal foods are purchased from local vendors, and menus are developed to ensure purchasing practices are made more sensitive to seasonal availability of produce in managing cost impacts of local procurement.

### PROCEDURE:

1. Local food is defined as food produced within the county of Simcoe and the province of Ontario. Local food must meet safety and quality requirements.
2. Menus at the long-term care home and assisted living facilities are developed and/or altered based on seasonality and availability of local fresh products.
3. Food items purchased locally will be sourced through food suppliers as recommended by the group purchasing organization (GPO) and through local food producers and processors (eg. farms, Farmer's Markets, greenhouses).
4. Develop relationships with local producers and supporting organizations. Including membership with Simcoe County Farm Fresh Marketing Association (SCFF).
5. Provide Residents and employees of IOOF Homes with education surrounding local food, fresh food and health benefits of food less travelled and produced regionally or provincially.

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6. Provide Residents and employees of IOOF Homes the opportunity to participate in local food procurement with food purchasing programs and on-site farmer's markets.

  
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Chief Executive Officer

  
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Date