

Pneumonia

When to Notify the Nurse



Temperature Changes

If your resident is ordered vital signs, notify the nurse if their temperature increases above 100 degrees Fahrenheit.



Breathing Changes

Notify the nurse if your resident is complaining of difficulty breathing or appears to be having trouble breathing. Also notify the nurse if the resident's respiratory rate increases above 24 breaths/minute or their pulse ox is low.



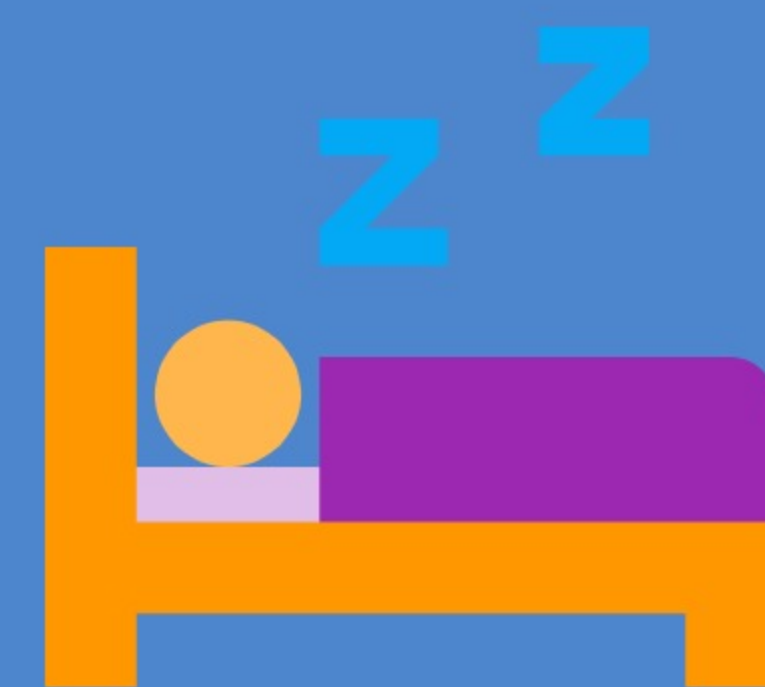
Coughing

Notify the nurse if you notice that your resident has a new cough. It is important to let the nurse know if the resident appears to cough or choke while they are eating.



Confusion

Notify your nurse if you notice that your resident appears confused. For residents that are usually confused, notify the nurse if the confusion becomes worse.



Fatigue

It is important to let your nurse know if your resident is more tired or fatigued than normal. This can include: not being able to walk as far as normal, sleeping more, too tired to eat, or falling asleep during activities.