



GOODWIN HOUSE

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Dear Residents -

My last letter to you was December 15. At that time, Goodwin House Incorporated (GHI) had just received word that the vaccine clinics would soon be scheduled. How grateful we all are that they are so fully underway on both our campuses!

We all share in the relief of being vaccinated and what it promises for many of the activities of our pre-pandemic lives to return. A number of residents have inquired about our Safe Path Forward for Winter/Spring 2021. I'm writing today to provide an update and to share our two immediate priorities.

The first priority is to achieve full vaccination across residents and staff. The vaccine clinics that support this priority continue into March. Once everyone has the second dose, it is still two weeks before they have the full benefits of immunity. So, it will be late February and into March before our first priority is achieved. This schedule informs the timing of easing current protocols.

The second priority is to be attentive to the regional positivity rate. It has been high so far this year, and unfortunately, is expected to remain high given the emergence of the new and more infectious strain of COVID-19.

Given these priorities, the Infection Precaution and Planning (IPP) team is developing a conservative approach to easing protocols. What does this mean?

It means that we will focus on resuming activities for residents on our campuses first. Communal dining is an early priority, as are group activities.

It also means that we will move slowly on resuming on-campus visitations. What's outside in terms of the virus and the new strain could all too quickly come inside.

In the midst of balancing these priorities, we also recognize the importance of residents being able to maintain regular medical check-ups and other medical appointments without being on perpetual quarantine. We are currently reviewing this protocol to determine the safest approach to adjusting it, and when.

I am hopeful that you see the wisdom of these two priorities in guiding the Winter/Spring 2021 Safe Path Forward protocols. Given these priorities, we anticipate releasing the Safe Path Forward plan in the second half of February. It will explain which activities will resume, under what circumstances and when.

We have all learned so much about new ways to live, thrive and stay safe this past year. Our commitment to you is that Goodwin House will build on these new levels of safety for your health and wellness going forward, and we will retain the new ways of engagement as we restore the old ways to enable the highest levels of participation and connection with family and friends.

Thank you for supporting one another and staff each and every day. It means the world to us!

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