

# Infection Precaution Update

## December 11, 2020



### Update on Goodwin House COVID-19 Cases as of Friday, December 11:

GHA	GHBC
<b>Residents:</b> 1 case	<b>Residents:</b> 9 cases
<b>Staff:</b> 9 cases, 3 pending test results to return to work	<b>Staff:</b> 15 cases, 0 pending test results to return to work

Our hearts are heavy with news that we lost a Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads resident and friend due to complications from COVID-19 on Tuesday, December 8. The entire Goodwin House family feels this loss, and together are comforting one another through it. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the resident's loved ones, and with the many residents and staff who have lost a friend.

### We're In This Together

Our Infection Precaution and Planning (IPP) team understands that we all have concerns right now. Let's remember that we are stronger together, and together we will get through this. We have expanded our protocols by temporarily suspending visits from loved ones as well as in-house group social events. In addition, we have increased our disinfection procedures with additional use of our Solaris UV machines throughout the campuses, especially in areas where there are positive cases.

Our daily COVID case updates always report the total number of active cases in our communities. Each case remains active in our total count for at least 14 days, so we can expect to see elevated numbers for the next few weeks. We hope that our added vigilance will lead to those numbers going down again soon.

### Extra Precautions Encouraged

To bolster our efforts, we encourage you to take the following steps:

- Limit your trips off campus to medical appointments only.
- If a staff member from maintenance, housekeeping, etc. must visit your apartment, plan to leave your apartment and enjoy a solitary activity while they are working. If you need to remain in the apartment, wear your mask and maintain social distance of at least six feet.

## Special Attachments

We anticipate that we might receive the COVID-19 vaccine in January, possibly sooner. While at this time we do not have all the details or know the exact schedule, we want to share with you what we know right now and address questions that some residents might have about the vaccine. Please read the attached documents.

## Explore a New Book Genre

Are you addicted to romance novels? Are biographies your fave? Maybe it's time to switch things up. Switching up literary styles (or listening to an audiobook for a change) engages different kinds of thinking skills. You might also give poetry a try. Check out the Academy of American Poet's Poem-a-Day. Sign up at [poets.org](https://poets.org).

## Honoring Acts of Service—Ceca Award Honorees

This week, we'd like to recognize Monica Santos, RN at GHA and this quarter's Ceca Nominator Honoree. This award is given to someone who devotes time and effort to making thoughtful and thorough Ceca nominations. We recognize them for their support of other employees and the Ceca program. Monica received the award after recently submitting several thoughtful nominations for her colleagues. We join GHA in extending our congratulations and gratitude to Monica for her thoughtfulness and support of fellow colleagues. Thank you, Monica!

# Happy Hanukkah!



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## The Holiday Season Has Begun!



**(left) Light Up the Night!**  
GHA Events Coordinator Jennifer Bennett, dressed up as a snow woman to celebrate the lighting of the Christmas tree at GHA.

**(right) Santa's Helpers!**  
GHA staff channeled Santa's elves as they helped residents wrap gifts for loved ones.



### **(left) Saying Thank You!**

GHBC celebrated the holidays and staff on December 10th with gift bags, special treats and carol singers outside the main lobby.

### **(right) Love and Light!**

In time for the first night of Hanukkah, a menorah was placed atop the mantel of the GHBC main lobby fireplace. Residents were treated to a meal of smoked salmon and latkes on December 10th.



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