

Infection Precaution Update

December 24, 2020



Update on Goodwin House COVID-19 Cases as of Thursday, December 24:

GHA	GHBC
Residents: 8 cases	Residents: 23 cases
Staff: 14 cases, 3 pending test results to return to work	Staff: 15 cases, 2 pending test results to return to work

Extra Efforts We're Taking Due to the Rise in Positive Cases

Where we have a greater number of COVID-19 cases, we take additional measures to contain the spread of the virus. For example, in the GHBC Health Care Center, we are keeping the fire doors closed, replacing N95 masks weekly and running the Solaris UV Machine during overnight cleanings of the Health Care Center common areas. We have also ordered Fresh Air Mobile air cleaning units, which are portable air purifiers, for every resident room in the Health Care Center and Assisted Living.

Vaccine Updates

Staff are working with Health Care Center residents and their representatives to complete preparations for these residents to be vaccinated next week (GHA Dec. 29 and GHBC Dec. 30). In the event that extra doses are available, we will prioritize Assisted Living and Memory Support residents and staff. Please be patient with us and understand that clinical and administrative staff are fully focused on managing current COVID cases, our proactive regular testing and preparing for the vaccine clinics next week. Rest assured that we will promptly contact you with any updates.

Reminder: Current Protocols for Medical Appointments

In last week's update, we shared our current protocols for off-campus medical appointments. To qualify for an exemption from quarantine, you must currently be in treatment for a condition that requires at least weekly appointments and use approved transportation (yourself, your spouse/partner or Goodwin House transportation). If you meet these specific requirements for an exemption, GHA residents should contact Cathy Farmer at 703.824.1157 and GHBC residents should contact Karen Doyle at 703.578.7260. If you qualify, you will be tested on a routine basis. If you do not qualify, you will be required to quarantine for 5 to 7 days after returning from your medical appointment, depending on the mode of transportation.

Spreading Holiday Cheer

Residents and staff alike are keeping their holiday spirits up, as shared in these photos. At GHA (top photo), Dining Services staff delivered poinsettias to residents. Rosario Pacheco Miranda (left), and Ciara Bryant (right) stand in front of the tree with resident Jackie Phillips. At GHBC (bottom photo), residents received gift bags. Behind the Santa mask is Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor Marc Weingrad. We wish everyone very Happy Holidays!



Messages of Gratitude

Goodwin House leaders shared personal messages of gratitude and support for residents this holiday season.

Grateful for all of the support and encouragement you provide each and every day to each other and the staff who are dedicated to the Goodwin House Family.

May the losses and challenges brought by this pandemic make the times with our loved ones and neighbors that much more sweet in the months to come. Hopeful!

Rob Liebreich, President and CEO

During difficult times, there is nothing like family to help you through. On behalf of the staff, we thank the residents for being our family. This year is like no other and we are grateful to each of you for your continued love and support. We are all in this together. Wishing you all peace and health in the coming year.

Fran Casey, Chief People Officer

We are grateful to our residents who remind us every day what it is to be resilient, kind, generous and strong during challenging times. We are indeed stronger together, and we look forward to celebrating healthy times ahead once the pandemic is behind us!

Holly Hanisian, Director of Corporate Administration

