

# Infection Precaution Update

## February 12, 2021



### Update on Goodwin House COVID-19 Cases as of Friday, February 12:

GHA	GHBC
<b>Residents:</b> 0 cases	<b>Residents:</b> 1 case
<b>Staff:</b> 2 cases, 0 pending test results to return to work	<b>Staff:</b> 1 case, 0 pending test results to return to work

## Give | Share | Join — Show Your Love on Giving Day!

To raise greater awareness of the impact we make on the lives of residents and staff, the Goodwin House Foundation is holding our first annual Giving Day on February 14. Join us for Chocolates & Chats this weekend to learn how you can make a difference in the lives of residents and staff.

- GHA Chocolates & Chats: Feb. 13 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Lobby
- GHBC Chocolates & Chats: Feb. 14 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Rotunda

## Celebrating Valentine's Day



Love abounds at GHA & GHBC! On the left, GHA resident Marilyn Gould makes Valentine's cards. On the right, GHBC staff member Adamu Feleke shares a moment with special canine guest Tucker at the third annual Spread the Love Workshop. 

## Happy Lunar New Year!

Today is the Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in China, Vietnam, South Korea and many other Asian countries. Enjoy special dishes with your meal tonight! **May this new year bring you good health and good fortune.**



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## Vaccines, Variants & Our Safe Path Forward

We are pleased to report continuing progress toward our vaccination goals. We must reach our target of 80% of both staff and residents before we can begin traveling down our Safe Path Forward and make our way through a gradual return to services and amenities. We will provide details of that plan next week. GHA and GHBC will each have their own plans.

We appreciate the incredible enthusiasm residents have expressed for our vaccine clinics. Thanks to your cooperation and involvement, we expect to see nearly 100% of residents vaccinated by the end of February. You also continue to set a good example for staff, who feel your support as they go through the process, too.

Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have been administered to Goodwin House residents, and both are very effective in providing protection from COVID-19. Yet, it is very important to understand two key factors in how vaccines work as we set our sights on our Safe Path Forward.

One factor is the protection the vaccines afford to those who receive it. Both vaccines have efficacy rates that are 94% or higher. This protection means those who are vaccinated are prepared to fight the virus if they get exposed to or contract COVID-19; it does not guarantee they won't get infected at all.

The other factor is the variants of COVID-19. Early evidence suggests that the vaccines are effective against these variants, yet experts continue to emphasize that we must monitor the situation closely as it evolves to ensure this evidence bears out as the variants become more prevalent and more vaccines are administered globally.

As we strive toward our goals for herd immunity within Goodwin House, which is the first step on our Safe Path Forward, we continue to stress the importance of taking all precautions to protect yourself and others. Even if you are vaccinated, you can carry the virus and expose others. Even if you are vaccinated, you can contract the virus and experience symptoms. We will continue to exercise caution as we venture down our Safe Path Forward. As mentioned above, our return to services and amenities will be intentional and gradual, providing us with a controlled situation that we can manage should we experience any cases of the virus along the way.

We appreciate your continued commitment to our protocols. We also appreciate the care and support you continue to share with each other and with staff. You are all living examples of how we are getting through this, and how we are stronger, together!