

Goodwin House Public Statement | May 22, 2020

Update | Goodwin House Infection Precaution Efforts

Below, please read a letter that we distributed via email to families and friends of Goodwin House Residents on Monday, May 22, 2020.

The first holiday weekend of the summer is here! This Memorial Day weekend will be very different from most, though we are hopeful that mother nature will deliver some welcome sunshine!

On Monday, we [shared sad news with GHBC Friends & Family](#). On May 16, we lost a GHBC resident to COVID-19. This was not a new case of the virus. We first shared news of this case in [the May 8 Friends & Family Update](#). The resident passed away at the hospital. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the resident's loved ones, and with the many residents and staff at GHBC who have lost a friend.

Our Safe Path Forward & Testing Update

In this week's Resident Update, we provided an update on our planning for Our Safe Path Forward (the Goodwin House plan for phased reopening). Planning for our next steps continues as we monitor state and federal guidelines, as well as results from our own organization-wide testing. In both communities, our testing is going well and progressing on both campuses.

At GHBC, we've completed testing of Independent Living Residents. Dining Services, Environmental Services and Reception Desk team members are being tested today. Residents and staff of the Health Care Center and Assisted Living will be tested next.

At GHA, we are testing all residents and staff in the Health Care Center and Assisted Living. We are making good progress. All other staff members and then Independent Living residents will be tested after this round of testing is completed.

Celebrating Heroes

This week, we continued our heroes campaign celebrating our hardworking staff members by placing signs up at GHA and GHBC that read "Thanks Hero!" in several of the languages spoken by our Goodwin House staff. This video shows [the signs waving proudly on our campuses](#), thanking our heroes in languages such as Akan/Twi (spoken in Ghana), French, Amharic (spoken in Ethiopia), Arabic and Vietnamese.

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We continue to share your lovely notes of thanks with our staff. Contact us if you'd like to share a message of thanks.

Service & Honor

The Memorial Day holiday is typically associated with pool openings and picnics with friends and family. While that's not possible this year, we still wish to take the opportunity to thank all those who've served our country and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We are grateful for the many GHA and GHBC residents who served our nation. We give thanks for them and their service, and wish you a safe and happy Memorial Day.

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