

# Goodwin House Public Statement | June 12, 2020

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## 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 Friday, June 12, 2020.*

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We're looking forward to what promises to be a beautiful weekend here in Northern Virginia. As we welcome the full arrival of summer, we also celebrate taking the next steps toward the gradual reopening of our region and our campuses.

We shared a reminder of the latest updates to our protocols in this week's Resident Update. Please remember that our protocols are updated as the situation evolves based on guidance from health professionals.

## Family & Friend Visits to Independent Living Residents

We welcomed our first visitors this week. Independent Living Residents may now spend time outdoors with family and friends. Visits must be scheduled in advance, and guests must follow our protocols. To make scheduling even more convenient, we have introduced an online booking system.

Please go to our [Campus Visits page](#) to schedule your visit with a loved one.

While we understand everyone is eager to visit their loved ones at all levels of living, current state guidelines allow us only to accommodate limited visits with Independent Living residents at this time.

## Testing Options

We've received many questions about how you can access the COVID-19 tests required before a visit with your loved one can be approved. We recommend that you contact your primary care physician (PCP) and explain that you want to visit your loved one in a senior living community and need to be tested. We know some families have had success with this option.

You might also research what your local community might have to offer. Some local governments, such as Arlington County, are offering testing to their residents without requiring a prescription or insurance.

*We are committed to keeping you, residents and staff healthy.  
Please join us in our efforts to keep our community infection-free.*



## AL Residents Getting Outdoors

Over the next week, we plan to begin taking Assisted Living residents for some time outdoors on our campuses. We are so delighted for them to be able to safely enjoy some time in the fresh air!

## Honoring George Floyd

On Tuesday, June 9, the Goodwin House family came together to observe 8 minutes and 46 seconds of silence in honor of George Floyd. This gathering came about thanks to Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads residents who wanted to give staff and residents alike an opportunity to safely join the protests taking place across the country. Residents and staff also gathered at Goodwin House Alexandria, and many others participated wherever they were at the time. While we might not have all been able to be in the same place, we felt the spirit of community that we all need right now.

Our message of coming together reached many more beyond the Goodwin House family, thanks to media interest and our [Facebook page](#). The [most comprehensive media story](#) was from LocalDVM Reporter Rebecca Burnett.

## Staying Connected

We are fortunate to be living in an age that offers many ways to stay connected, even while we're apart. For those of you who miss visiting our campuses as frequently as you may have done before, you can still be a part of the goings-on here at Goodwin House. We share stories, photos and videos of everything going on at our communities on our Facebook page.

[Follow us on Facebook](#) to see the latest happenings at Goodwin House!

As always, feel free to reach out to us with any questions.