

Goodwin House Public Statement | June 19, 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 Friday, June 19, 2020.

Today is an important day--Juneteenth. Some are learning about this holiday for the first time this year, though this year marks its 155th anniversary. This week, Governor Ralph Northam announced that he is taking action to make it [an official state holiday](#).

Yesterday, President & CEO Rob Liebreich shared the following with staff: "Our mission asks us to see all people on an equal level, and calls us to act when we do not see this equality. Many may think that the issues at hand are too big for an organization like Goodwin House to have a meaningful impact; however, staying on the sideline is not an option. We must believe, listen and find an intentional path forward on our journey to live our mission and do our part to defeat systemic racism."

Goodwin House is committed to making a change and a difference in our world.

Visiting Loved Ones on Our Campuses: Please Wear Masks

When you are visiting with your loved ones on campus, we ask that you continue to wear your mask. Though the visits take place outdoors, wearing masks at all times will protect you, your loved ones and the rest of our community. We appreciate your cooperation.

Safe Path Forward: Updates to Quarantine Protocols

Based on the criteria Goodwin House uses for our Safe Path Forward plan, we are expanding the list of off-campus activities that do not require a quarantine upon return. These activities - and guidance for safely undertaking them - are spelled out in the Safe Path Forward Protocol for June 19. The new protocols take effect today.

Goodwin House continues to advise residents to remain on campus for everyone's safety. Thank you for advising your loved ones to limit their off-campus trips as much as possible.

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



Solaris UV Machine

Last week, our Environmental Services (ES) staff members attended training on how to use our new Solaris UV machines. The Solaris is a state-of-the-art machine that uses UV light to disinfect surfaces. It's now the final step in our cleaning and disinfecting procedures for high-touch areas around our campuses, as well as rooms in the Health Care centers and rooms for those with COVID-19. Our ES Director Theresa Thomas provided more details in a Q&A that was distributed to staff and residents this week.

Goodwin House is a Top Workplace!

For the second year in a row, Goodwin House Incorporated made the list of The Washington Post's Top Workplaces! This past weekend, The Post [published their 2020 list of organizations](#) that ranked within the top 200 workplaces in the D.C. region. Last year, we ranked #7 in the list of large organizations. We'll find out our exact ranking for 2020 in October.

Selection is based solely on employee feedback. We know the encouragement and support that our staff members receive from residents and their loved ones plays a huge part in making their experiences at Goodwin House a positive one. Thank you for all that you do to help make Goodwin House a Top Workplace!

Supporting Our Heroes

Your support of our Heroes campaign these past few months has already made a difference. With your notes of encouragement and contributions to the Goodwin House Foundation, you have helped so many of our staff. As the pandemic continues, the Foundation remains committed to its efforts to support our staff. [Here's how you can help.](#)

Happy Father's Day

While Father's Day celebrations may look a little different this year, we hope you are able to find ways to connect with the fathers and father figures in your lives. We look forward to honoring all of the dads, father-figures, caregivers and loved ones over the weekend and throughout the week ahead.

May you and your loved ones have a safe and Happy Father's Day!