

Goodwin House Public Statement | July 17, 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, July 17, 2020.

We hope that you've gotten to enjoy some time outside during these sunny, summer days. Don't forget to stay hydrated, especially in the heat!

Updates for Campus Visits

GHBC will welcome visitors for residents of the Health Care Center starting Monday, July 20. We will communicate directly with these residents and their loved ones to share protocols specific to their visits. We hope to be able to welcome friends and family members to visit Assisted Living residents later this month, after completing staff testing.

GHA is now welcoming visitors for Assisted Living residents in The Dominion (located on the second floor) and Memory Support residents in Stonebrook. We hope to be able to welcome friends and family members to visit residents of The Richmond (located on the third floor) later this month. One staff member who works with Richmond residents tested positive for COVID-19 this week, and we are delaying visits until we can complete some more testing.

As a reminder:

Food is not allowed during visits, and masks must remain on at all times. Thank you for following our protocols - it helps keep the whole Goodwin House community safe.

Keeping Informed: Sharing Articles of Interest

Last week, we began sharing some news articles in the Resident Update. Comprised of GHI senior management, clinical staff and our medical directors, our Infection Precaution & Protocol (IPP) Team regularly monitors health authority guidance as well as news reports and research regarding COVID-19. Residents recently suggested that we share some of the articles that caught attention of the IPP Team and provide optimism for progress against COVID-19.

According to research from Annals of Family Medicine, primary care practices must be reinvented. Recommendations include virtual options that help assess patients and provide monitoring at home. <https://www.annfammed.org/content/18/4/349>

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So much of the news these days about COVID-19 seems discouraging, but there is reason to hope for the future. The Washington Post highlights six encouraging developments from recent weeks to give readers a little optimism. <https://bit.ly/reasons-for-covid-optimism>

While case numbers have certainly been on the rise across the country, the good news is that doctors are getting better at treating COVID-19 patients. Read about some new treatments that are providing better outcomes. <https://bit.ly/new-covid-treatments>

Life on Campus

Life Enrichment offers several events every week at GHA and GHBC. Residents are able to safely socialize (with masks on) with their neighbors at these fun events. We've had outdoor concerts and happy hours for the past several weeks, and some small group events like art classes and movie showings are starting to resume, with safety protocols in place. The pools at each location are also reopening this coming week for individual exercises like lap swimming. Check out our Facebook page to see some of the recent goings-on at GHA and GHBC.

Thank You for Your Support

We are truly grateful for your support of the protocols that help keep our whole Goodwin House family safe and healthy. Please get in touch if you have questions or comments.

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