

Goodwin House Public Statement | Sept. 25, 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, September 25, 2020.

Can you believe it's already the last Friday in September? This week brought the fall equinox and cooler weather. While we aren't entirely convinced that we've seen the last of those summery days D.C. is famous for, we welcomed the chance to at least think about reuniting with jackets, jeans and scarves that patiently just hang out in our closets during the warmer months. Regardless of weather and wardrobe, we have our weekly update for you!

Updates to Testing Requirements for Friends & Family Visits

We continue to enjoy welcoming visitors on our campuses. In order to ensure we maintain the health and safety of residents and staff, we update our protocols as we receive guidance from local health departments. Following the most current guidance, we are updating the testing requirements for guests who wish to visit with residents on campus.

These changes affect the length of time test results are valid. These changes are necessary due to the current situation in our area: with more of society re-opening and schools back in session, the rate of positive cases in Northern Virginia has increased. We are reducing the time line for test result validity in order to manage the risks of exposure. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Test results have been valid for up to 21 days; however, that changes effective Saturday, October 3, 2020. For any visits scheduled on or after Saturday, October 3, test results will be valid for the following time periods:

- **up to 7 days** from the day the test was administered for visitors to residents in Assisted Living, Memory Support and Health Care Center
- **up to 10 days** from the day the test was administered for visitors to residents in Independent Living

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



Outdoor, In-Person Dining is Returning

As we shared in this week's Resident Update [link], we are working to return limited, in-person, outdoor dining at both GHA and GHBC. With guidance from our IPP (Infection Precaution Protocol) team, we look forward to offering dinner service on the patios at both communities a few nights per week. More information will be shared soon!

We're Sharing Our Playbook

Today, we shared a letter with residents to introduce a new tool. Most of us have never experienced a pandemic with the spread and impact we have seen from COVID-19. This novel coronavirus has revealed that the world did not have a fully developed plan for such an event.

We gathered what we've learned and developed, and packaged it in a "playbook" that includes sample planning tools, protocols and communications templates that any type of organization can use free of charge and adapt to their situation. If you are curious to see our playbook, or want to share it with others, [visit the Goodwin House blog](#) where you will see a download button to obtain a copy. The more we can all do to keep COVID-19 positivity rates low, the safer we all will be and the safer it will be for businesses and organizations to continue to operate.

Dino-lympic Fun!

With the 2020 Summer Games cancelled due to the current pandemic, the staff at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads trained and prepared for their own very unique competition. Competition was fierce, as was the warm-up dancing. [Enjoy our \(pre\)historic Olympic games!](#)

As we enjoy the last days of September, we send our best wishes to you and your loved ones. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us.