

Goodwin House Public Statement | Oct. 9, 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, October 9, 2020.

With a very heavy heart, we share news that we lost a Goodwin House Alexandria resident and friend this week due to complications from COVID-19. This resident had earlier been hospitalized. We know this is painful news to receive. Goodwin House is a family, so we all feel this loss deeply. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the resident's loved ones, and with the many residents and staff who have lost a friend.

Update on Quarantines at Both Campuses

In this week's resident update, we shared the latest updates on quarantines at both communities. These quarantines mean that we cannot allow visits with residents in Assisted Living or Memory Support at either community at this time. We hope to be able to reopen these areas again soon.

Two staff members who work in the Terrace (GHBC) have tested positive for COVID-19. As a precautionary measure, Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads has quarantined the residents and staff of the Terrace (Memory Support) as well as Assisted Living, which is located on the same floor at GHBC.

Due to resident and staff cases mentioned in previous updates, Goodwin House Alexandria Assisted Living and Stonebrook (Memory Support) also remain under quarantine.

We know you join us in sending our very best thoughts to the staff and residents who tested positive.

Reminder of Current Visitor Protocols

We try to share the latest updates to our visitor protocols with you in these weekly emails, though changes may occur in between our weekly updates. We always update our website with the latest information, so please check the [campus visits page](#) for the latest protocols.

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



As a reminder, all visitors to residents at GHA and GHBC must receive a negative COVID-19 test prior to visiting our campuses. Test results are valid for:

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

As noted above, Assisted Living and Memory Support at both GHA and GHBC are currently under quarantine and may not receive visitors at this time.

Free Community COVID-19 Testing in Alexandria, VA

We have learned of a free testing resource – Alexandria is offering free COVID-19 testing during the month of October. Testing is available to anyone, not just residents of Alexandria. This is a great resource for you and your family to be tested for free. [Click here](#) for full details, including dates and locations of testing.

We do not know how long it will take to receive results from this testing, and have no control over their process. We hope that those who use this resource will be able to receive their results in a timely manner.

Supporting the National Walk to End Alzheimer's

The National Walk to End Alzheimer's is taking place virtually this year. On Saturday, October 10, in support of the D.C. walk, we will be releasing a video of staff and residents wearing these masks to help raise awareness and fight stigma associated with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Keep an eye out on [our Facebook page](#) this weekend to see the video! You might just see some familiar faces!

We are sorry that we had to share difficult news in this week's update. Knowing you are there for Goodwin House residents and staff is part of what helps us through these challenging times. We hope that these weekly updates also express our care and regard for you, too. As always, you can reach us via email.