

Goodwin House Public Statement | Dec. 11, 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, December 11, 2020.

We imagine you are well aware of the current situation regarding case rates throughout the country. While the case rates remain very low among Goodwin House residents and staff, we are not unaffected by the current surge. At present, among the 2,000 residents and staff members, we have 34 active cases. This calculates to a 1.7% positivity rate among our Goodwin House population; by comparison, the rate is currently around 15.6% in Prince William County and 11.8% in Fairfax County.

Sadly, one of our cherished GHBC residents passed away due to complications from COVID-19 on Tuesday, December 8. The entire Goodwin House family feels this loss, and together are comforting one another through it. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the resident's loved ones, and with the many residents and staff who have lost a friend.

We're In This Together

Our low positivity rate is evidence that our staff and residents remain vigilant and dedicated to doing their part to keep themselves and one another healthy and safe. As you will read in this week's Resident Update, we have expanded our protocols by temporarily suspending visits from loved ones as well as in-house group social events. In addition, we have increased our disinfection procedures with additional use of our Solaris UV machines throughout the campuses, especially in areas where there are positive cases. We hope that our added vigilance will lead to those numbers going down again soon.

Update on Vaccines

This week, we learned from the Virginia Department of Health that Goodwin House will receive vaccines. We do not yet have all the details, though we have shared what we do know at this time with residents today. Please [click here](#) to read our cover letter and Q&A that we developed and shared today.

Tis the Season

Even while continuing our dedication to infection precaution protocols, we find ways to celebrate the holiday season. Also included in this week's update, we share photos from resident and staff events that occurred this week. From decorating and lighting trees to placing the menorah on the fireplace mantel, residents and staff alike shared some holiday cheer.

Love and Light

The festival of Hanukkah started last night. As our Jewish friends light their menorahs each evening, we are reminded that all of us could use a little more light this year. We send love and light to you and those you love. Happy Hanukkah!