

Goodwin House Public Statement | Dec. 24, 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 24, 2020.

*Twas the night before Christmas
And all through Goodwin House
Many creatures were stirring
Though none of them a mouse*

*Although our festivities
Look quite different this year
We hope that our tidings
Will bring some good cheer!*

Vaccine Updates

As we shared in this week's Resident Update, we are preparing for the slight possibility that additional vaccines will be available for staff and residents of Assisted Living and Memory Support. We will update residents with special notices as information becomes available, and continue to provide as much information as we can to you in these weekly updates.

Please be patient with us during this period as we remain "in the passenger seat" when it comes to vaccine roll out. We hope you take comfort in knowing that our clinical and administrative staff remain fully focused on managing current COVID cases, our proactive and regular testing, and preparing for the vaccine clinics next week.

Extra Efforts We're Taking Due to the Rise in Positive Cases

Where we have a greater number of COVID-19 cases, we take additional measures to contain the spread of the virus. For example, in the GHBC Health Care Center, we are keeping the fire doors closed, replacing N95 masks weekly and running the Solaris UV Machine during overnight cleanings of the Health Care Center common areas. We have also ordered Fresh Air Mobile air cleaning units, which are portable air purifiers, for every resident room in the Health Care Center and Assisted Living.

Spreading Holiday Cheer

Both communities are offering a great lineup of safe activities and delicious meals to entertain residents over the holidays. Keep up with our latest holiday fun by visiting (and liking) our [Facebook page](#), where we post photos and videos. We hope to share more over the course of the coming week, as we continue to keep in the spirit of the season.

Last-Minute Gift Ideas from the Goodwin House Foundation

Looking for an alternative gift to give this holiday season? We've got just the thing, and you don't have to leave the house or find the perfect box and wrap it! This holiday season, the Goodwin House Foundation has received several generous gifts from staff and family members. They shared with us a desire to donate in honor of their loved ones and in lieu of physical gifts or experiences that can't happen because of the pandemic.

These gifts are extra special. They show your loved one that you are thinking about them in a meaningful way, and that they've inspired you to make a difference in the lives of others. Your gift supports the Goodwin House staff members who work to make life at Goodwin House as safe, healthy, full and vibrant as possible. And that has been no small feat during 2020. If you'd like to make a gift [please click here](#) or reach out to giving@goodwinhouse.org.

Gifts & Gratitude

As we approach the end of a very long and challenging year, we would like to take a moment to express our most profound and heartfelt gratitude to you, the family and friends of Goodwin House residents. Your support and encouragement - both of your loved ones and of staff, especially during some of the most difficult moments this year - have made an enormous difference.

Throughout the year, you have reached to us to express your appreciation and support. A particularly meaningful message came just this week from the family of a GHBC Health Care Center resident. You know how to lift us up when we need it most.

Thank you for being with us through all of this. And for all the times you reached out with messages of gratitude and care. We don't need to wait until tomorrow to get our gifts--you have gifted us with your grace and support all throughout the year.

From our families to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!