

Goodwin House Public Statement | Jan. 8, 2021

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, January 8, 2021.

Happy New Year! We are off to an unusual start, though we hope you and your loved ones are holding onto the sense of hope and renewal that comes with the start of every year. At Goodwin House, we remain focused on the positive news of the vaccine as well as our progress in ensuring that all residents and staff receive it.

Vaccine Clinics for Independent Living Residents

We are excited to announce the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) confirmed with us this week that Independent (Residential) Living residents will receive the vaccine on site at our Goodwin House communities. Clinic dates have been confirmed for GHA. We expect to receive dates for GHBC very soon and will communicate those dates to residents as soon as we have them. It has been our experience thus far that VDH provides dates for GHBC a few days after they have confirmed dates for GHA.

In the News! First Vaccine Clinics at GHA & GHBC

As Goodwin House was among the first in the D.C. area to get vaccinated, we garnered attention from the news last week. Local and national media featured Goodwin House as they reported on the vaccine rollout. We have prepared a media report to share with residents the many stories that ran. Printed copies were made available to them.

Reminder: Quarantines for Medical Appointments

Residents have asked our clinical staff and executive directors many questions about our medical appointment quarantines. We have provided an update this week and hope you will help us by reinforcing this important information with your loved ones.

As long as the positivity rates remain high in our region, the risks are elevated for residents leaving campus. Because of these increased risks, we will continue to require residents to quarantine after medical appointments. Exceptions will be made for residents who require appointments that must occur at least weekly in order to treat a specific condition. Such appointments might include chemotherapy, radiation, dialysis or blood transfusions.

We have updated our Resident Guidelines to clarify that these are the only appointments that require prior approval. We ask that residents not request approval from the clinical team unless they require appointments that must occur at least weekly in order to treat a specific condition.

New Year's Resolve

We often talk about resolutions as we start a new year. This time around, we find ourselves thinking more about resolve. The entire Goodwin House Family - residents, staff and you -- have been nothing but steadfast in your ongoing support for the work we do. Your support helps us maintain our own resolve to do all we can to keep everyone safe, healthy and engaged. We see the light at the end of the tunnel, and we appreciate you for continuing on this journey with us.

As always, please get in touch with us if you have any questions.