

Goodwin House Public Statement | Feb. 5, 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, February 5, 2021.

Welcome to February! While it might be the shortest month of the year, we plan to make the most of it as we recognize Black History Month and American Heart Month with activities on our campuses. We look forward to sharing photos and stories with you over the next few weeks. In the meantime, we hope you'll enjoy our update for this week.

Update on Quarantines for Medical Appointments

In this week's Resident Update, we shared that we are changing the quarantine requirement for residents who leave campus for medical or dental appointments. This protocol change is effective today for residents in the Health Care Center, Assisted Living and Memory Support. It will be effective March 1 for Independent (Residential) Living Residents.

This protocol change can go into effect two weeks after residents have completed both doses of the vaccine. Residents in the higher levels of living have already received both doses. Many Independent Living residents will receive their second dose later this month.

As we get closer to completing our vaccinations on campus for both residents and staff, we are working on a full review of our protocols, including those that apply to family visits and in-person dining. We will update you with more information soon.

Introducing Our Resident Technology Specialist

In January, we shared exciting news with residents when we introduced a new staff position that will provide residents with tech support--everything from setting up your home phone to troubleshooting your computer issues. We are pleased to announce that residents may now begin to schedule appointments with Ruben Nouta, our new Resident Technology Specialist.

Ruben is not new to Goodwin House. He first joined our Dining Services team at GHBC and later moved to the Reception Desk. He's been pursuing studies in information technology, and we are delighted that he will be putting his education to wonderful use in his new role.

As we continue to rely on technology to connect with one another, Ruben will be able to support residents with new devices, learning Zoom or Facetime and other technical support. You can find out more about the Resident Technology Specialist and all services offered by checking out this flyer that was distributed to residents this week.

February 14 Is Giving Day

The Goodwin House Foundation is hosting its first annual Giving Day next Sunday, February 14. As we shared in [a blog post](#) announcing this special effort, if you've contributed to charitable causes in the past decade, you're probably aware of "Giving Tuesday", a day when everyone is encouraged to donate to their favorite non-profits. This annual effort is recognized on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, immediately following Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Rather than launch such a big effort in the midst of the holidays, we chose to host our annual day of giving on February 14. It seemed a fitting day for the Goodwin House Foundation. Our staff lead with their hearts every day, and our donors give from their hearts to show their gratitude for them. And so, we chose America's heartiest of days to cast a spotlight on all this love that we share.

Our 2021 theme is "Give | Share | Join – Show Your Love!" and we hope you will become part of our community of generosity through these efforts. [Learn more](#) about the amazing work the Foundation does to support residents and staff.

Six More Weeks of Winter

Punxsutawney Phil spotted his shadow on Tuesday and predicted that our winter would last another six weeks. Who knows what the rest of winter might bring for us, but we always know our days are warmer and brighter with you as part of them.