

Goodwin House Public Statement | April 16, 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 April 16, 2021.

We start our weekly update today with some important yet difficult news. Earlier today, we were alerted that a GHBC staff member is currently being sought by law enforcement for suspected involvement in a tragic domestic violence crime in Washington, D.C. This staff member, Keanan Turner, has served with us for less than a year and was properly assessed through a background check, reference check and drug test when hired. He last reported for work on April 7.

Importantly, there is no known threat against Goodwin House at this time. While we have no reason to believe that anything would happen at GHBC, we are acting out of an abundance of caution and have hired additional security for GHBC to support the safety and well-being of residents and staff until Keanan is apprehended.

GHI is being fully responsive to law enforcement to support their investigation. We are also communicating with the GHBC residents, GHA residents and all GHI staff so they are aware and we can be supportive of them and responsive to their questions.

While our full attentiveness is to the well-being of our residents and staff, our hearts and thoughts also are with the victims and those impacted in this tragedy.

Update on GHA Quarantines

Following a new staff case at GHA last week, we quarantined the Health Care Center (HCC) and Assisted Living (AL) so we could test all direct care staff and exposed residents in those areas. We are glad to share that all tests were negative, and the quarantine has been lifted.

We also wish to note that the staff member who tested positive was fully vaccinated. This serves as a good reminder that being vaccinated does not guarantee that you won't contract COVID. That's why it's important to keep up with the infection precaution practices—wear your mask whenever you are outside your home, socially distance when in public and wash your hands.

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



Safe Path Forward | Updated Guidelines

As we shared in this week's Resident Update, there are a few new changes to the Guidelines released last week. These changes affect residents on campus; no changes have been made to the protocols that apply to visits with loved ones.

Congratulations to Our Clinical Pastoral Education Graduates!

The Winter Session Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) students graduated on April 15th. CPE is a [professional theological training program and educational process](#) that trains leaders from all faiths in pastoral ministry and chaplaincy, and Goodwin House is the only organization that offers CPE in our region. We honor the hard work, devotion, and ministry of these students. [Visit our Facebook page](#) to see the full list of graduates.

Planning for the Future: National Healthcare Decisions Day

It's never too early to plan for the future! April 16 is National Healthcare Decisions Day, which exists to inspire, educate and empower the public and providers about the importance of advance care planning.

Give yourself and your loved ones peace of mind by making an Advanced Care Plan that lets your doctors and loved ones know your wishes, should you be unable to make decisions for yourself. [Learn more about advance care planning](#) from Nathan Kottkamp, the founder of National Healthcare Decisions Day, who participated in a webinar we hosted last year.

Full Swing of Spring

As the flowering and budding season gets into full swing, pollen counts are up. We want to offer a quick reminder to everyone that there are similarities between allergy symptoms and the symptoms associated with COVID-19. Even if you are vaccinated, pay close attention to how you're feeling. If you are feeling unwell on a day you're scheduled to visit with loved ones, please consider postponing. While we all would love to see you, we also continue to encourage everyone to remain vigilant.

As always, you can reach out to us at any time. We'll be in touch again next Friday -- please enjoy these wonderful spring days!