

Goodwin House Public Statement | May 7, 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 May 7, 2021.

Well, we have reached the final Friday that features our weekly email to you. We hope that you feel the same way we do - we might be a little sad to see it go, though we are mostly glad to have reached this moment in time.

We are grateful to residents and staff who have helped us to reach on-campus herd immunity, which has allowed us to continue along our Safe Path Forward. And we are also grateful to you, for your support of your loved ones throughout this difficult time, and for your encouragement to us as well. We thank you for your readership, engagement and for just being there when we needed you.

Rest assured that we will reach out using this email list when we have news or major updates to share. For today, here are our latest updates.

Updates to Protocols

In this week's Resident Update we shared that we have revised protocols again this week, following new guidance issued by both CDC and CMS last week. In addition to the update, we recommend you also review the Resident Guidelines that we distributed as well.

A Few Key Notes and Reminders:

- Residents may go without masks when outdoors in small groups or when meeting in resident apartments with others who are fully vaccinated.
- Residents and guests traveling domestically or internationally do not need to quarantine after their travel. Residents who travel internationally will be tested on Day 4 following their return. We ask that guests who travel internationally be tested within seven days of their visit to Goodwin House.
- Residents may attend religious services off campus if the services are outdoors. On-campus religious services may resume.
- Visitors of residents in Independent (Residential) Living may stay overnight in residents' apartments if they are fully vaccinated and have received a negative COVID test (PCR preferred) within seven days of their visit.

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- All visitors—including those staying overnight—must remain in residents’ apartments or the designated visiting area for the duration of their visit.
- Those who are visiting residents in Assisted Living, Memory Support or the Health Care Center must schedule their visit at least 48 hours in advance. Visits may be scheduled at www.goodwinhouse.org/campus-visits.

Nurses Week - May 6 to 12

Yesterday, we began our annual week-long celebration of our nursing staff. Every year, Nurses Week is recognized from May 6 to May 12, which is the birthday of Florence Nightingale. Did you know that our nursing staff represent nearly 40% of our entire workforce? They are there for residents and staff, too, through our most difficult moments, providing care and support, and they have been nothing short of amazing this past year.

If you’d like to show your appreciation for our nursing staff, send us a note or consider making a [donation to the Goodwin House Foundation](#). Our Foundation team is working hard this week to raise funds that help to support tuition assistance, emergency grants, citizenship fees and other programs available to staff so they can grow in their careers and thrive.

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If you’d like to keep up with us more regularly, please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#). If you know someone who might be seeking career opportunities with a growing and mission-focused organization, please invite them to check out our [career opportunities](#). Given how much Goodwin House Inc. is growing through new services and new partnerships and collaborations with other organizations, the range of career opportunities at Goodwin House is expanding significantly. Moreover, we are always looking for others who seek the rewarding careers that are unique to senior living. Those of us who have had a chance to experience it will tell you - there’s nothing else like it!

Thank you!

Seeking the right words to sign off this week, we found the following quote to be quite fitting: “The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.” Mitch Albom, author of “Tuesdays with Morrie”.

Thank you for devoting yourselves to the Goodwin House community, and for giving us that sense of purpose and meaning, which at times was everything this past year. You have helped us in ways big and small through a most challenging time. You helped us to be stronger, together.

As always, you can reach us via email.

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