

Goodwin House Public Statement | Sept. 22, 2021

Update | Goodwin House Infection Precaution Efforts

Between June 15 and September 22, 2021, we did not publish regular updates. Below please find an update on happenings at Goodwin House during the summer season.

Welcome to our summer update! Although it has been a busy summer here at Goodwin House, we haven't had much to share in the way of COVID-19 updates. On the whole, our policies and protocols remain consistent with what we shared in our last update on June 15. As we look forward to the seasons changing, we thought we would share some highlights from all that's been happening at Goodwin House this summer.

Excellence & Gratitude

Shortly after our last update, Goodwin House received two exciting honors.

First, LeadingAge Virginia (LAVA) awarded Goodwin House the 2021 Stewardship Award, which honors a community organization that has advanced public trust and confidence in aging service through public service, collaboration, media or other efforts to educate consumers and help them make informed choices. Goodwin House received the award for our efforts to protect residents, members and staff during the pandemic, and for seeking out ways to share our resources to help other organizations. [We created a video that tells the story.](#)

A few days after winning the Stewardship Award, we learned that [Goodwin House had been recognized by *The Washington Post* as a Top Workplace in the D.C. area.](#) This year, we ranked No. 6 in the category of "large" organizations—our highest ranking in the three years we have participated in the Top Workplaces survey. What makes this an even greater honor for is knowing that selection as a Top Workplace is based solely on employee feedback.

Fun in the Sun

We've had lots of fun events on our campuses throughout the summer. Among the highlights was [Hawaiian Night at GHBC](#), where residents enjoyed a delicious, tropical meal before being entertained by performers showing off traditional dances and flame throwing. [GHA residents had a spectacular rooftop view of the Capitol fireworks on the Fourth of July](#), following a rousing performance of patriotic music by the Alexandria Symphony Brass Quintet.

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Continuing Our Pandemic Precautions

As of July 16, 2021, we made it a requirement for all staff members to be vaccinated. We had already reached vaccination rates above 95%, though we can now claim that 100% of staff are vaccinated. Following the CDC's recommendation of a booster dose for those who are immunocompromised, we hosted vaccine clinics for immunocompromised residents in late August. We are also tracking closely the developing news and changing guidelines regarding boosters for more individuals, and we maintain readiness to be able to act quickly to administer boosters to more residents, members and staff as the situation evolves.

We continue to take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We regularly remind all residents and staff to wear masks, practice good hand hygiene and maintain social distance both on and off campus. If you plan to visit our campuses, we ask that you do the same!

Heading into Autumn

As the warm summer evenings fade into cool autumn nights, we're looking forward to the new adventures autumn will bring. Until next time, we wish everyone a safe and healthy fall!

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