

# Goodwin House Public Statement | Nov. 12, 2021

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## 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 November 12, 2021.*

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As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we acknowledge what makes us thankful this year. We are thankful for vaccines – and boosters! – that are keeping everyone healthy and safe. We are thankful to be reuniting and gathering with loved ones in ways that were not possible this time last year. And we are thankful for our Goodwin House family –residents, members, patients, staff and you, the family and friends who support and encourage us all.

Earlier this week, our IPP (Infection Precaution and Planning) Team met to discuss our protocols for Thanksgiving, as well as our protocols for mask wearing on our campuses. Today, we shared a letter with residents that provided an update and details that resulted from that discussion.

### Mask Wearing

We continue to ask that residents wear masks whenever they are outside of their apartment, and when participating in activities or attending meetings involving large groups on campus (e.g. Town Hall meetings, etc.). When meeting in small groups (e.g. art group working sessions, small committee meetings, etc.) and in a room designated for the purpose of that small group gathering, residents may remove masks at their preference, provided adequate social distancing can be maintained and everyone in the room is fully vaccinated.

### Thanksgiving Holiday Planning

As we reported in our message on October 15, 2021, residents will be able to go off campus for celebrations with family and friends without quarantines upon return.

On campus, we will be able to serve Thanksgiving meals in our dining venues. Guests ages 12+ may join residents in the dining venues, provided they are fully vaccinated. Reservations must be made in advance.

As the vaccination program for children ages 5-11 has only recently begun, we will not be able to welcome children ages 11 and under into our dining venues. Children of all ages may visit campus, including resident apartments; however, those ages 2+ must be able to wear a mask during their visit.

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



We shared a few additional tips and precautions for residents planning to go off-campus for Thanksgiving celebrations. These tips are based on recommendations from local health departments. You might also find them useful in keeping yourselves and your loved ones safe and healthy this Thanksgiving:

- Remember to practice standard precautions of wearing a mask when not eating or drinking, maintaining social distance and washing hands frequently.
- Attend gatherings that only include those who are fully vaccinated. If that is not possible, ensure social distancing and mask wearing around those who are unvaccinated.
- Avoid spending time with anyone exhibiting symptoms.
- If you begin to exhibit symptoms, even if they are mild, take a COVID test. Plan to quarantine until you receive a negative result.
- If you learn that you have been in contact with anyone who develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, please get tested and plan to quarantine until you receive a negative result.
- Residents should notify the clinic immediately if they have been exposed to anyone who develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19.

Thank you for doing your part by following our protocols and tips. We will provide updates regarding our protocols for the December holidays and New Years at a later date.

## **Grateful to Veterans**

Yesterday was Veterans Day. We took time at both Goodwin House Life Plan communities to celebrate, honor and thank those who have served. We have several residents and staff who have had the courage to step forward in service to their country. We are deeply grateful to them and all those who have done so. You can catch a glimpse of our Veterans Day activities on our [Facebook page](#).

## **Have a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!**

Thanks again for being part of the Goodwin House Family! With your help, we can continue to keep our campuses open to visitors and ensure all residents and staff remain healthy throughout the holiday season. With gratitude for all you do to support and encourage us, we wish you and your loved ones a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

As always, you can reach out with any questions.