

Goodwin House Public Statement | Dec. 17, 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 December 17, 2021.

It's the most wonderful time of the year! A time when we gather with loved ones to celebrate and enjoy the many festivities that come with this holiday season. With the season in full swing, we are looking forward to welcoming many of you to our campuses over the course of the next few weeks.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication to our protocols from residents, staff and visitors, we are immensely grateful to be in a much better place than we were this time last year. We are also tracking the developing news related to the Omicron variant, and we are aware of the increase in COVID-19 case rates in our area. In light of these developments, our IPP (Infection Precaution and Planning) Team met earlier this week to discuss our protocols for the remainder of the holiday season.

Today, we shared a letter with residents that provided an update and details that resulted from that discussion. You will find much of the information in that letter below for easy reference.

Vaccine Booster Recommended, Not Required

We recommend vaccine boosters for anyone who qualifies to receive one; however, we are not requiring boosters currently. As has been our policy for many months, guests are required to be fully vaccinated* if they wish to take part in the following activities on campus:

- Fully vaccinated guests may remove their masks while in the residents' apartments (except for those visiting residents in the Health Care Center).
- Fully vaccinated guests may dine with residents in the main dining venues. (Reservations must be made in advance.)
- For Residential Living Only: Fully vaccinated guests may stay overnight in the resident's apartment.

*We define "fully vaccinated" as those who have received their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two weeks ago. Now that children ages 5 and older qualify for vaccines, those who are fully vaccinated may also participate in the activities listed above.

Proof of Vaccination for Dining on Campus

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



Starting Monday, December 20, all guests (including those ages 5+) who wish to dine in any of our dining venues will be required to provide proof of vaccination. Please ensure you are prepared to show your vaccine card to the host upon entrance to the dining venue. Guests who do not show proof of vaccination will not be permitted to enter the dining venue.

In lieu of carrying your actual vaccine card, you may show a photocopy of your vaccine card or a picture of your vaccine card on your phone. If you choose this option, please ensure the dates of vaccination are clear and legible in the image or copy.

The Spirit of Giving!

As we approach the end of the year, the spirit of giving is alive and well! We continue to be inspired by the incredible sense of generosity that is so strong within the Goodwin House family. It is that generosity that supports programs that benefit residents and staff alike. And it is thanks to this giving spirit that we have been able to increase our support to staff in the form of more tuition assistance and citizenship application fee grants for staff members.

Our Citizenship Application Fee program recently made a [top list published by Forbes](#). It is programs such as these that help us attract and retain the incredibly talented staff who deliver the best in care and services and make Goodwin House so special.

If you're still looking for that perfect gift, consider giving to the Goodwin House Foundation. Your gift will go a long way to support the staff who bring their heart and soul to the work they do. Donations are tax deductible and can be made in honor of a resident or a staff member who inspires you to give this season.

You can easily [donate online](#) or contact the Foundation office at 703.824.1200 to speak with one of our team members.

Wishing You the Best this Holiday

From all of us at Goodwin House, we wish you and your loved ones a safe, healthy and happy holiday season! Please reach out to us with any questions.