

# Goodwin House Public Statement | Jan. 28, 2022

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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 January 28, 2022.*

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It's hard to believe we're already nearing the end of January. While 2022 has not yet been quite as different from 2021 as we wanted, we are hopeful that the rest of the year ahead will see us move further and further out of this pandemic.

Although we had an uptick in cases at GHBC last week, we are seeing an overall downward trend as the numbers of active cases in our communities continues to drop. We are grateful that those residents who tested positive last week are in no immediate health danger and most only have mild, cold-like symptoms. While our region is still experiencing peak case rates, we hope the current surge will soon come to an end.

Following resident feedback, this week's Resident Update features a new format for sharing our case numbers. We now share our case numbers by level of living and indicate the general weekly trend in our case rates.

You'll also see that we distributed the Resident Update a day early this week—on Thursday instead of Friday. We will continue to distribute the Resident Update on Thursdays going forward, giving us an extra day in the work week to respond to any urgent questions or concerns that may arise from our updates. Starting next week, we'll also be sharing our weekly email to you on Thursdays instead of Fridays. So keep your eyes out for an email from us next Thursday!

## Resuming In-Person Dining for Residential Living Residents

With this downward trend in cases, we plan to resume in-person dining for Residential (Independent) Living residents in early February. We are not yet ready to welcome guests into our dining venues, but we are pleased that residents will have this opportunity to socialize with one another once more.

Speaking of socializing, we continue to encourage everyone to practice the basic precautions of wearing a mask, social distancing and frequently washing your hands when outside of your home. The type of mask you wear is important, too. [The CDC recommends](#) wearing a mask that has 2 or more layers, completely covers your nose, mouth and chin and fits snugly against the sides of your face. This week, we shared a few links to purchase N95 and KN95 masks, a great option for higher protection and preventing transmission.

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



## **This Week's IPP Q&A: Do We Mandate the Booster for Staff?**

This week, Goodwin House Chief Operating Officer and IPP Team leader Linda Lateana answers a frequently asked question from residents: Does Goodwin House mandate the booster for staff?

The short answer is no, though we have consistently communicated our strong recommendation that all staff and residents receive a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. You can read more about why we are not yet mandating the booster in the Resident Update linked above.

## **Many Thanks for Messages of Thanks**

Over the past few weeks, we've asked you to share messages of thanks to our staff. Many of you have reached out, offering uplifting words of encouragement and support. These messages make a world of difference to our staff. If you would like to share a note of thanks, please send it to us. We'll make sure our staff see it!

As we start a new week and a new month, we send our best wishes to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.