Dear Gurwin Family Members:

Yesterday, Governor Cuomo reversed his March 25 mandate requiring all nursing homes to accept patients from the hospital who are COVID-19 positive. This comes as a relief to families and nursing facilities alike, as we are now able to require new admissions to be tested and shown to be clinically negative, which will help protect our residents and staff going forward.

As you know, we adhere strictly to all NYS Department of Health (DOH) regulations, one of which is that we inform our family members of the status of COVID-19 in our building. We frequently provide COVID-19 data to respond to many requests for this information. We appreciate all your support and understanding as we continue to battle the disease.

Currently, we have 64 residents in our nursing and rehabilitation facility who are positive for COVID-19. This includes 32 patients who have come to us already positive from local hospitals as per Governor Cuomo’s mandate, which was in effect until yesterday, and 32 of our existing residents. All positive residents are cared for in our dedicated isolation unit. Since yesterday, we had one resident test positive, and we await the results of four others.

When one of our residents becomes ill or passes, we worry and mourn like family. It is with a heavy heart and great sadness we report that, in total, 46 of our beloved residents, including two since yesterday, have succumbed to this devastating disease, as well as one of our staff members.

While we mourn these losses, there is certainly reason for some optimism. To date, 76 of our residents have been medically cleared, either discharged to home or moved off our COVID-19 isolation units. Each of these successes are celebrated by our team, and keeps us going forward in this fight.

Our staff is extraordinarily grateful to the community and our family members who have sent words of encouragement, meals and financial donations to support them while they battle COVID-19 both here and in their personal lives. Almost 120 of our employees have been tested to date, with 89 confirmed positive. Many have already made a full recovery and returned to work.

Please be assured that you will be promptly notified if your loved one is identified as a suspected or positive case of COVID-19 or has any other significant change in condition. As always, we strictly adhere to HIPAA guidelines and cannot provide information on roommates or other specific residents.

These updates will be sent as necessary, and located on our website at www.gurwin.org/family-updates/ should you need to access them.

Sincerely,
The Gurwin Care Team

Video Chat with your loved one: email videochat@gurwin.org to request a time. (Limit one per family per week, please.)

Send your loved one a Gurwin Gram Gram. Send a short video to us via Facebook Messenger or by email to info@gurwin.org, and we’ll deliver your good wishes.


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