

Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

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6:00 PM

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

As you know, we are required by the NY State Department of Health to inform you of the status of COVID-19 in our facility. This report is sent when there is information to report, such as a new positive case or a loss, and weekly as a cumulative report in order to provide information our families have requested. This information is also provided to our residents to view on their televisions on Channel 31, should they choose to view it.

Currently, we have 34 residents in our nursing and rehabilitation facility who are positive for COVID-19, 11 of whom came to us already positive from local hospitals. All positive residents are cared for in our dedicated isolation unit, which is now exclusively on 2 North. Since yesterday, we have had no residents test newly positive for COVID-19; however, we do await the results of two tests today.

Loss has been heartbreaking for our families and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is with great sadness that we report that we have lost 55 of our beloved residents to the disease since the crisis began, one of whom passed this morning. We also mourn one of our staff members, who passed away in early April. As extended family members to our residents, any loss affects our entire staff, and we mourn along with our resident family members.

Recoveries and discharges are cheered by all staff, and we continue to be heartened by these success stories. We have celebrated almost 30 discharges and the medical clearance of almost 80 residents in these past months, and each one is a cause for celebration. Our lobby boasts a colorful HOPE wall, upon which the names of all recovered residents are displayed. The wall is a constant reminder for staff that, although there has been sadness, there is also room for hope.

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. You may have heard about Governor Cuomo's new requirement that all nursing home and assisted living employees be tested twice weekly for the virus. This testing began last week, and we are happy to report that only one staff member in the nursing home tested newly positive for the virus. Since the pandemic began, more than 100 employees have tested positive; however, many have made a full recovery and have 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.

Visit our [website at www.gurwin.org](http://www.gurwin.org) for Frequently Asked Questions or other updates on COVID-19.

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