

Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

**Thursday, May 28, 2020
5:00 PM**

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

In compliance with the NYS Department of Health (DOH) requirement that we provide updates on the status of COVID-19 in our facility, we are writing today to inform you that we have sadly lost one of our residents to the virus last night and two residents have tested newly positive. In addition, results of a full testing of all staff revealed four positive tests in the first week. These employees will be quarantined at home for 14 days, and only return to work after a clinical negative test.

We also wanted to let you know about a new testing initiative that we will begin tomorrow. As per the Centers for Disease Control and Department of Health guidance, we will be conducting surveillance testing on all residents. This is part of an effort to control and prevent COVID-19 transmission and spread in the nursing home, and comes after we began testing all staff last week. Results from this resident testing will help us accurately cohort residents according to their COVID-19 status, help us better monitor residents who are newly identified as positive for COVID-19, and maintain appropriate and efficient use of personal protective equipment throughout our facility.

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 are located on our website at www.gurwin.org/family-updates/ should you need to access them.

Thank you, and be well.

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**. 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 for Frequently Asked Questions or other updates on COVID-19.

If you are interested in donating to our **COVID-19 Relief Fund**, visit our website at www.gurwin.org/donate. Thank you.

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