Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

We are very pleased to announce that our Patio Chat visits for our families and residents at Gurwin Jewish – Fay J. Lindner Residences will officially commence on Tuesday, July 7th. While our community continues to abide by the New York State Department of Health’s “No Visitation” mandate, our new Patio Chat program provides a wonderful opportunity to have a quick visit, outside and socially distanced for your loved one’s safety.

In an effort to offer multiple visit opportunities each day, the daily patio availability for residents has been modified. We will host Patio Chats in the early mornings and late afternoons, before and after regular patio time for our residents. Each wing (B, C, D & E) will have patio time on their designated day from 10:00am-3:30pm to enjoy some fresh air, stroll around the building and walk freely throughout the community—as long as they are observant of social distancing protocols and wearing surgical masks. We have also resumed certain group activity programs for each wing on their designated patio day. Programs take place in the synagogue and on the patios, in groups of no more than 20, in order to consistently maintain a safe six-foot distance between our residents. A weekly patio schedule is distributed to each resident and is also available for families to view on our monthly newsletter on the Gurwin website.

In order to protect the well-being of our community members, staff and yourself, we ask for strict adherence to our visitation guidelines:

1. Patio Chat visits will last for 15 minutes in order to allow every resident an opportunity to reunite with their family members.
2. PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL. If you are late, please understand that your visit and time will remain the same.
3. All visits will take place outside on our two back patios: the Synagogue Patio and the Dining Room Patio. You will be notified about the location of your Patio Chat visit when you schedule your time slot.
4. Please note: Our patios are located on the north and east sides of our facility, they can be reached by driving past the main entrance to the end of the parking lot, and making a right onto the driveway that runs behind our building. Pinwheels have been strategically placed to serve as directional guides as well as lawn signs that identify each patio’s location.

- For Synagogue Patio Chats, families can park in the lot behind the synagogue, and then walk up to the fence. Residents will be sitting in a chair that is located behind the fence in our gated garden, to maintain proper social distance.

- For Dining Room Patio Chats, families should continue down the driveway behind the building, past the signs for Fountaingate Gardens, our up-and-coming independent living community, to the long walkway up to the Dining Room Patio. There is a park bench positioned six feet away from the fence for families to sit. Residents will be sitting in a designated spot behind our patio gate, six feet from the fence. In compliance with DOH safety regulations, no one will be permitted beyond the patio gates.

Additional information:

1. Masks must be worn by all parties.
2. Each resident will be allowed one visit every other week. Please coordinate with your family to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to visit. Up to four guests per visit are permitted.

We are accepting registration for time slots beginning Saturday, July 4th at 9am. Register by emailing fayjvideochat@gurwin.org or by calling 631-715-8500 to speak to our Recreation Department. Please know that while we await guidance from the DOH for reopening our assisted living community for full visitation, we are formulating plans on how to do so in a safe, controlled manner in order to best protect our residents and staff.

The entire Gurwin staff looks forward to facilitating your visit with your loved one in the coming weeks. We urge you to continue your own personal efforts to stay safe and well while you are out and about in your local communities, wearing masks, washing hands, and maintaining proper social distancing. Our combined efforts will help keep this insidious disease at bay and enable us to resume our lives, albeit according to a “new norm.”

As we approach our nation’s 244th birthday this weekend, the Gurwin team wishes you all a safe, happy celebration.

Michael Letter
Administrator/COO

Video Chat with your loved one: email fayjvideochat@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.

Schedule a Patio Chat visit: email fayjvideochat@gurwin.org to request a time slot. (Limit one visit every other week.)


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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