Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

As you know, we are required by the NY State Department of Health (DOH) to inform you of the status of COVID-19 in our facility. This update 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 transparency. Brief updates are provided to our residents on their televisions via Channel 31, should they choose to view it.

Our isolation unit currently has no residents within who have tested positive for COVID-19. Should a resident test positive, their family contact will be notified. Contacts for all residents on that unit are also alerted to the positive test, and strict precautions are in place to prevent the spread of the virus. We continue diligent cleaning practices and adherence to stringent infection control protocols to do our utmost to prevent new infections. Since the crisis began in mid-March, we have celebrated 150 recoveries from COVID-19; we also mourn the loss of 61 residents.

Weekly testing of staff has been key to preventing the spread of infection. Any staff members who test positive are required to isolate at home for 14 days, and may only return to work after a negative clinical test result for COVID-19. Since late May, when weekly testing began, 48 staff members have tested newly positive for COVID-19, one of whom tested positive last week, for a total of 142 employees testing positive since the health crisis began in March.

Our current target date for visiting is September 9, contingent on no new cases among residents and staff and DOH approval. In the meantime, resident family members are encouraged to sign up for a Drive-Up visit: please click here or go to bit.ly/GurwinDriveUp. Click through to the Sign Up Genius form at the bottom of the page, and choose the date and time that works best for your 10-minute visit. Family members are now welcome to sign up for up to TWO visits per month (no more than one per week) - September's dates are now open. We look forward to seeing you.

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.

Sincerely,
The Gurwin Care Team

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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.
