

Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020
5:00 PM**

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

We are writing today to inform you of some recent changes in our Medical Services department. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Elizabeth Sturm has been appointed Interim Medical Director in our nursing and rehabilitation center. Dr. Sturm has been with us since our facility opened more than 30 years ago, and is very familiar not only with Gurwin, but also many of our residents and families. We are fortunate to have someone with her medical skill as well as knowledge of our facility in this position.

We also want to wish Dr. Michelle Young well as she embarks on the next chapter of her life and retires from her position as Staff Physician at Gurwin. Dr. Young has also been with us from inception, and we will miss her expertise and caring nature. Residents who have been impacted by these staff changes will be notified separately.

Regarding COVID-19 surveillance testing, we have received inquiries from family members and want to take this opportunity to clarify the purpose of this testing protocol. Per the Department of Health (DOH), each time there is a positive case among nursing home residents or staff, as we had last week, we are required to test all residents twice within two weeks to ensure there is no additional positive result within 14 days. Any positive test result requires us to continue to test until there is no new case of COVID-19 among our residents for at least 14 days. This follow-up testing is indicated to help prevent the spread of the virus from asymptomatic residents within the facility. Should there be any new cases, we are prepared to isolate and care for those residents in our dedicated isolation until they test negative for the virus.

Residents and their designated representatives will be notified as results are received from each round of testing. As always, we strictly adhere to HIPAA guidelines and cannot provide information on roommates or other specific residents.

Staff members continue to be tested weekly, per the DOH guidance. As of today, our tentative date to open to visitors is still September 27, pending DOH approval and no new positive test results for residents or staff.

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 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 10-minute Drive-Up Visit at the Gurwin Center with your loved one. Visit bit.ly/GurwinDriveUp for details and to book your time slot.

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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