Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

In yesterday’s newsletter update, we informed you about two new positive COVID-19 test results for employees, which moved our In-Person Visit start date to October 28. We have now been informed of a positive test result for a resident who is currently in the hospital for a non-COVID-19-related medical issue. This resident had previously tested negative during our in-house surveillance testing, and was shown to be negative upon recent retesting at the hospital. However, the one positive result requires reporting to the NYS Department of Health (DOH). While this does not affect our target In-Person Visitation date, protocol dictates that residents undergo two rounds of precautionary surveillance testing which begin this Thursday, October 15th. Pending DOH approval, we will continue to plan for In-Person Visits beginning October 28. We are currently accepting sign-ups for both an expanded Drive-Up Visit schedule and In-Person Visits (beginning on October 28). To access the sign ups, visit bit.ly/GurwinVisits.

Guidelines you will need for In-Person and Drive-Up Visits can be found on our website.

We are required by the DOH to inform you of the status of COVID-19 in our facility, and we do this weekly or as necessary if there is new information to report, such as a new positive case or a loss. We currently have no residents in-house who are positive for COVID-19; throughout the pandemic, we have had more than 150 of our residents recover from the disease, and unfortunately had 61 residents lose their battle with the virus. Our staff is tested weekly, and since the pandemic began in March, we have had 148 staff members test positive for the virus, the majority of whom have been asymptomatic. Any employee testing positive is required to quarantine for 14 days, and may only return to work after a negative clinical test for COVID-19.

Please be assured 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. You will find past Family and Resident Updates on our website at www.guwin.org/family-updates/ should you need to access them.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these challenging times. Please know our priority is the health and well-being of your loved one.

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.

Go to bit.ly/GurwinVisits to schedule a 10-minute Drive-Up Visit or a 15-minute, socially distant In-Person Visit.


It's Flu Season! Protect yourself and those you love by getting your flu shot today!

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