



Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

WEEKLY UPDATE AND VISITATION INFORMATION

Monday, October 19, 2020

5:00 PM

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

With weekly testing of our employees for COVID-19, it is not unexpected that there will be an occasional positive test result among our staff. They are diligent in their adherence to our enhanced infection control protocols; however, they do not exist in a bubble. Community spread is showing about 1% infection rate among the population in Suffolk County, and here at Gurwin we see approximately 0.04%. That said, one positive is one too many in relation to our visitation plans according to the NY State Department of Health. Unfortunately, we learned today of a positive result for a staff member. This positive result affects our In-Person Visit date, which is now moved to November 4. As you know, any positive result requires an additional 14 days of no visitation as well as two rounds of precautionary surveillance testing for all residents.

Although our In-Person Visit target date has been postponed, we continue sign-ups for an expanded Drive-Up Visit schedule. November's Drive-Up schedule will open on Wednesday morning, October 21, at 9:30 am, and families are able to schedule three Drive-Up Visits per month at this time. Should we move to In-Person Visits on November 4, one Drive-Up visit may be converted to an In-Person Visit; please look for information as we get closer to our opening date. To access the sign up, visit bit.ly/GurwinVisits.

Guidelines you will need for In-Person and Drive-Up Visits can be found on our [website](#).

A few weeks ago, we let you know of a plan to change our kosher food delivery program, eliminating kosher for all and providing kosher food for those who requested it from our campus kosher kitchens at our Fay J. Lindner Residences assisted living community. Since that announcement, the community has rallied, pledging support not only to enable us to continue with our kosher food program, but also to help in our pandemic recovery. The outpouring of support was unexpected and is very appreciated as we move forward.

As you know by now, 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 149 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.gurwin.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.

Visit our [website at www.gurwin.org](http://www.gurwin.org) for Frequently Asked Questions and other updates on COVID-19.

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

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