

## Gurwin Jewish Nursing &amp; Rehabilitation Center

**WEEKLY UPDATE AND VISITATION INFORMATION**Monday, November 2, 2020  
5:00 PM

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

With our staff being tested weekly for COVID-19, and the occasional positive result, we have undergone several rounds of surveillance testing for our residents as precautionary measure over the past few weeks. Although asymptomatic, we learned today of two positive results for residents as a result of the surveillance testing. Unfortunately, because of these new positives, several of our units are on quarantine precautions. In addition, any positive result affects our In-Person Visit date, as determined by the NY State Department of Health (DOH), which is now moved to Wednesday, November 18 due to reporting requirements and additional surveillance testing protocols.

Although our In-Person Visit target date has been postponed, we continue sign-ups for an expanded Drive-Up Visit schedule. Families are able to schedule three Drive-Up Visits per month at this time. Should we move to In-Person Visits on November 18, 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](https://bit.ly/GurwinVisits).

Guidelines you will need for 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. As mentioned above, we currently have two 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 150 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/](http://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](mailto:videochat@gurwin.org) to request a time. (Limit one per family per week, please.)

Send your loved one a **Gurwin Gram**. Send a **short** video to us via Facebook Messenger or by email to [info@gurwin.org](mailto:info@gurwin.org), and we'll deliver your good wishes.

Go to [bit.ly/GurwinVisits](https://bit.ly/GurwinVisits) to schedule a 10-minute Drive-Up 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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