

Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

WEEKLY UPDATE AND VISITATION INFORMATION

Monday, November 23, 2020

5:00 PM

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

Thanks to everyone who sent a short video clip for us to use as part of a larger video with good wishes to our residents this Thanksgiving. Combined with videos from members of our staff, it's a heartwarming message of love and caring, and we can't wait to show it to our residents on Thanksgiving Day. The video will play throughout the day for them on Channel 3. A shortened version will be posted on our Facebook page, as well.

This week, Nicole Hopper, our Director of Therapeutic Recreation, discusses the various efforts her team is making to keep our residents connected and engaged throughout the holiday season:



Our best wishes for a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

The Gurwin Care Team

Visitation Update

Our target date for In-Person Visits has changed, due to three positive results for staff members this past weekend. These new findings, combined with longer turnaround times for test results, unfortunately push our In-Person Visit target date to December 10. More details will follow as we get closer to that date.



As the weather turns cooler, our Drive-Up Visits have been modified to keep our residents and families warmer. December dates are now available: go to bit.ly/GurwinVisits. As of now, each resident may receive up to three Drive-

Up Visits per month.

In addition to Drive-Up Visits, many of our residents enjoy weekly video chats with loved ones. Appointments are available by emailing videochat@gurwin.org.

Numbers Update

As you know, we are required to provide weekly updates on the incidence of the COVID-19 virus in our facility, and our cumulative numbers associated with the pandemic since its inception.

Currently, we have no residents in-house who have tested positive for COVID-19, although several units are on quarantine to prevent against exposure due to positive staff results. We have had 155 staff members test positive for the disease since March, many of whom are asymptomatic. Regardless, any staff person who tests positive is required to quarantine at home for at least 14 days, and is only able to return to work after a negative clinical test.

Last week, we celebrated a particularly moving recovery of a resident who has been battling COVID-19 since March, who came to us from the hospital on a ventilator, and who walked out to go home to be with her family. And while Maria is one of the more than 160 recoveries we celebrate, we still mourn the 61 residents who lost their battle to 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.

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.

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! Click here for a message from our staff and residents on protecting yourself and those you love against flu and COVID-19.

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