

Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

WEEKLY UPDATE AND VISITATION INFORMATION

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

5:00 PM

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

With the holidays around the corner, we all realize that things will not be as they usually are. Our residents will miss visiting with their family members and friends, as will our staff as we refrain from large holiday gatherings. One way you can brighten the day is to send us a short video message wishing your loved one - and all the residents here at Gurwin - a Happy Thanksgiving. See information below on how to do that. The deadline has been extended to Monday, November 23.

We receive questions regularly about what exactly quarantine and isolation mean in regard to our residents, where they can go and what they are able to do. To address this, we've created a video series to help our families understand better what goes into keeping our residents safe and connected. Our first video highlights Christina Jones, RN, our Associate Director of Nursing. You can view it here:



We're looking forward to your videos! Our best wishes to you for an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

The Gurwin Care Team

Happy Thanksgiving



Send A Thanksgiving Gurwin Gram Gram!

Send us a short (one minute or less) video to include in our virtual Thanksgiving card which will be shown throughout the day on our closed-circuit TV channel for all our residents! You can give a shout-out to your loved one and wish everyone well for the holiday, bringing good cheer to our residents this Thanksgiving. Be creative - sing, dance, or just say hi - our residents love to see you!

Thanks to all who have already sent in videos - the virtual card will be great!

Send your video to info@gurwin.org as an attachment, or use WeTransfer (wetransfer.com) to email it. We will compile all your good wishes for our residents to enjoy.

Visitation Update

Our target date for In-Person Visits remains November 30; this is pending the receipt of the results of testing and approval by the Department of Health (DOH). Please stay tuned: we will have an update on the opening of the sign-ups by early next week.



As the weather turns cooler, our Drive-Up Visits have been modified to keep our residents and families warmer. This is still a good option to see your loved one if your situation allows. Sign ups are open at bit.ly/GurwinVisits. As of now, each resident may receive up to three Drive-Up Visits per month.

BY THE NUMBERS

It's hard to believe COVID-19 has been with us for the better part of a year. As you know, we are required to provide weekly updates on the incidence of the virus in our facility, and our cumulative numbers associated with the pandemic since its inception.

Putting the cumulative numbers into perspective, we have administered more than 5,400 tests to our residents since March, and almost 20,000 to our staff since widespread testing became available to us in mid-May. Our positivity rate is considerably below community spread at 0.04%, and this is a testament to the diligence of our entire team to our stringent Infection Control practices. In fact, we had an unannounced survey last week by the DOH Infection Control survey team, and our report was deficiency-free.

Currently, we have two residents on our isolation unit who have tested positive for COVID-19. Both are asymptomatic, and are due to come off quarantine, pending test results, in the next few days. Of the four units on quarantine, three have undergone nasal swab testing and we await those results to release that restriction as well. We have had 152 staff members test positive for the disease since March, many of whom are also 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. While we celebrate more than 150 recoveries from the virus, 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 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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