

## Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

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**COVID-19 UPDATE**  
**Monday, December 21, 2020**  
**5:15 PM**

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

We are required by the NY State Department of Health (DOH) to let you know whenever there is a newly positive test result for COVID-19 for either a staff member or resident in our facility. With Suffolk County's positivity rate at almost 7.5% as of yesterday, it is not surprising that our rate is increasing, as well. Therefore, we are writing to let you know that we learned today of positive test results for four of our staff members. These results were found through our weekly surveillance testing; all four employees are asymptomatic, and will quarantine at home for 14 days, only returning to work after a negative clinical test. Unfortunately, these positive results alter our previously communicated target date for In-Person Visits; we will now prepare for January 6.

As you know, today was a historic day for us, as Gurwin was among the first nursing & rehabilitation facilities to provide the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to our residents and staff. Nearly 400 vaccinations were administered today by our pharmacy partners, Walgreens, who will be back on January 11 to provide the second of the two-dose vaccine to those who were vaccinated today, as well as the first dose to those who did not receive the vaccine today but who would like to be vaccinated. A third clinic will be held in early February.

Please be assured you will be promptly notified by phone if your loved one is identified as a suspected or positive case of COVID-19, is on a quarantined unit, 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.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

The Gurwin Care Team

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**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 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](http://bit.ly/GurwinVisits) to schedule a 10-minute Drive-Up Visit. Residents whose units are on quarantine may not attend Drive-Up Visits at this time.

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

**Gurwin Healthcare System**

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