



Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

WEEKLY UPDATE AND VISITATION INFORMATION

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

5:00 PM

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

The COVID-19 surge that was predicted for the fall has materialized, and we have watched the Long Island positivity rate climb to more than 4% over the past several days. Although our positivity rate for employees continues to be much below the community spread, we continually educate our staff on the importance of proper infection control protocols, both while at work and in the community; it is important for everyone to follow the three Ws - wash your hands, watch your distance, and wear your mask.

The weeks ahead may be frustrating for our family members and staff, as new positive test results potentially push back our In-Person Visits per the NY State Department of Health requirements. We appreciate the support we continue to receive from you as we all do what we can to reduce the spread of the virus and keep our residents safe.

Sincerely,

The Gurwin Care Team

Visitation Update

As the incidence of positive COVID-19 cases surges in the community, we have seen an uptick in positive results among our staff, including one since our communication yesterday. While many of these staff members have been asymptomatic, this does, unfortunately, affect our In-Person Visit target date. Currently, that target date is December 18. More details will follow as we get closer.



Where possible, please take advantage of our Drive-Up Visits, which 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 two residents in-house who have tested positive for COVID-19, with a number of units on quarantine to prevent against the possible spread of the virus. Since the pandemic began, we have successfully rehabilitated more than 160 residents, and mourn the loss of 61 of our residents to COVID-19. We have had 161 staff members test positive for the disease since March, many of whom are asymptomatic and found through our weekly surveillance testing of employees. 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.

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 floor which is quarantined, 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! Get your flu shot!

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