WEEKLY UPDATE AND VISITATION INFORMATION  
Wednesday, January 6, 2021  
5:00 PM

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

With the uptick in COVID-19 cases in the community - at this writing, Suffolk County's positivity rate is 11% - the vaccine takes on even more importance for our residents and staff. We continue to register residents and staff for the clinic that will be held on January 11, with the hope that everyone who wants to be vaccinated has at least their first dose at that time. Second doses for those who received their first dose on December 21 will also be administered on Monday.

Please stay safe, keep your distance, wear a mask, wash your hands - and get the vaccine when it's your turn - so we can begin to put the pandemic behind us.

Sincerely,
The Gurwin Care Team

Consents for COVID-19 Vaccine

Our second COVID-19 Vaccination clinic with our pharmacy partner Walgreens will be held on Monday, January 11. This may be the last opportunity for those who intend to receive the vaccine to get their first dose, as the final scheduled clinic is February 1, where the second dose will be administered only. If you want your loved-one to be vaccinated and you are his/her healthcare decision-maker, please be sure to contact us if you have not already provided consent. You can email covidvaccine@gurwin.org, and we will get back to you. The deadline to consent is Thursday, January 7 for the January 11 clinic.

To access consent forms, visit www.gurwin.org/covid-19-vaccine/. Please email consent forms to covidvaccine@gurwin.org.
Visitation Update

We have had a number of positive test results for our residents and staff over the past few weeks; as such, the quarantine for our units will be lifted on January 18, after which all residents will be tested. Our tentative target date for reopening for In-Person and Drive-Up Visits is January 21. This is contingent on no new cases among staff or residents, the receipt of testing results, and DOH approval.

COVID-19 Update

As you know, we are required to inform you any time we have a new positive case of COVID-19 among our staff or residents, as well as 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.

At this time, we have 17 residents in our COVID-19 isolation unit. All units are on quarantine, per DOH requirements. Since the pandemic began, we have successfully rehabilitated more than 165 residents, and mourn the loss of 62 of our residents to COVID-19. We have had 198 staff members test positive for the disease since March, three since yesterday, 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 receiving 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.guwin.org/family-updates/ should you need to access them.


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