



Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

WEEKLY UPDATE
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
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Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

We are happy today to have some good news to report. Last week, we hosted the Department of Health for our 8th infection control survey of the past several months. These surveys include a team of surveyors reviewing all aspects of our infection control protocol, including use of PPE, procedure for caring for residents on quarantine, staffing, our policy for welcoming new residents, as well as many other aspects of care during the COVID-19 pandemic. For the 8th time, the team had no findings, complimenting our staff on their efforts to keep our residents and each other safe. This is significant, not only because it validates the hard work our staff is doing, but also because it opens an opportunity for units to come off quarantine whenever they are 14 days without a positive case, without regard for the status of the remaining units in the building. Most importantly, it allows for small group programming opportunities for residents on their units, as well as Drive-Up Visits beginning next week for those not on quarantine. Please refer to the chart below to learn when we anticipate each unit to come off quarantine; **sign-ups for Drive-Up Visits for eligible residents will open tomorrow, Wednesday, February 17 at 9:30 am.** You can access the Sign Up Genius at bit.ly/GurwinVisits.

Unit	Quarantine Period Ends (pending no new positive results)
Memory Care	2/16/2021
4 South	2/16/2021
4 North	2/16/2021
3 East	2/16/2021
3 West	2/16/2021
4 East	2/16/2021
4 West	2/16/2021
2 South	2/26/2021 pending test results
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3 North	Resident specific (14 days post admission)
2 North	Isolation Unit – quarantine is indefinite

Weekly Update

As you know, we are required by the NY State Department of Health 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. We have no new positive test results for residents or staff members to report today.

Should a resident test positive, they are moved to our COVID-19 isolation unit, where they are cared for for a minimum of 14 days and until a negative clinical test result is received. Currently, we have 17 residents on this unit. Since the pandemic began, we have celebrated more than 185 recoveries; sadly, we continue to mourn the 62 residents who were lost to the virus.

Since March, 237 staff members have tested positive for the virus. Most staff members who test positive are asymptomatic and found through our weekly surveillance testing protocols. Regardless, any staff member testing positive is required to quarantine at home for 14 days, and may only return to work after receiving a negative clinical test result.

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.

Please stay safe, and thank you, as always, for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,
The Gurwin Care Team

Sign up for a Drive-Up Visit with your loved one: bit.ly/GurwinVisits.

Send your loved one a Gurwin Gram Gram! Record a short (one minute or less) video, and send it by email or via WeTransfer (www.wetransfer.com) to info@gurwin.org.

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

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