



**Monday, March 29, 2021
3:30 PM**

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

All our residents were tested today for COVID-19, and we are pleased that all results were negative. We are set for in-Person Visits to begin tomorrow: Here's what you need to know:

- **Sign-ups will open at 4:00 PM today.** Visit bit.ly/GurwinVisits to schedule your visit. **PLEASE NOTE:** There are THREE different sign up sheets: one for those on the Memory Care Unit (1N and 1S); one for those on a vent/trach or high-flow oxygen; and one for the remainder of the units. Please be sure to sign up on the appropriate list, as it will be difficult to honor mistakes if the schedule is full.
- Visits will be 15 minutes in duration. We ask that you arrive 10 minutes prior to your visit, and respect others' time by leaving when your visit time is over. The visiting area will be cleaned and disinfected after each session.
- Visits for Memory Care Unit (MCU) residents will be held on the MCU, therefore, visitors should enter through the main lobby entrance. Vent Unit visits will also be held on the unit - visitors for Vent Unit residents and all others (not MCU) must enter through the Adult Day Care Program area (you know this entrance from Drive-Up Visits). Please park safely at the curb. General visits will be indoors; as the weather improves, the outside patios will be available, as well.
- All visitors will be screened upon entering. This includes a temperature check and completion of a form answering specific questions about whether you have symptoms of COVID-19, have had exposure to anyone who has COVID-19, and recent travel. Obviously, if you are not feeling well or have COVID-19, we ask that you postpone your visit.

- Once you sign up for your visit, Sign-Up Genius will send you the screening form, which we encourage you to complete prior to checking in, as this will speed up the check-in process.
- Although it is not mandatory, we strongly encourage visitors to be tested for COVID-19 within 72-hours of a visit.
- Vaccination is also encouraged. If you are not vaccinated and would like to be, our in-house Pharmacy team may be able to help. Email covidvaccine@gurwin.org for more information.
- All visitors will be required to sanitize their hands upon entry, before visiting with a resident, and before leaving the building.
- MASKS MUST BE WORN properly the entire time visitors are in the building. To be worn properly, masks must cover the nose and extend beyond the chin.
- For residents whose health status prevents them from leaving their room, or those who go to our Dialysis Center, please contact your loved one's social worker to make alternate visiting accommodations.
- As a reminder, visitation will be restricted for 14 days for new admissions/readmissions, residents who leave the building for medical appointments, and those who leave on pass. This is to ensure proper infection control practices, and is approved by the NY State Department of Health. We appreciate your understanding.
- Please understand that we can accommodate one visit for each resident per week to start. With more than 360 residents in our building at this time, we want to be sure every family gets a chance to visit. Thank you for your patience.

As a reminder, the visiting situation will remain fluid. As testing continues twice-weekly for our staff, and the community spread on Long Island hovers around 4%, we anticipate we will continue to have occasional positive cases. This may affect visiting for specific units depending on the results of contact tracing, and we appreciate your continued understanding and support as we navigate these unprecedented times together.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

The Gurwin Care Team

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.

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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