Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

We receive communications daily from family members, asking for clarification of state mandates, information regarding visitation, and our practices and protocols to keep our residents and staff members safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please view the video below (which can also be found at gurwin.org/family-updates/), in which Stuart Almer, our President and CEO, provides some helpful and important information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Availability at Gurwin
We recently received word that the Gurwin Center has been selected as a vaccination site by the NY State Department of Health, and as such, our in-house Pharmacy team - who are certified immunizers - will be able to vaccinate our staff and residents directly. This will be ongoing, and is a boost in our efforts to increase the percentage of our staff and residents who have been vaccinated. Currently, we have been offered the Moderna vaccine. If your loved one has not been vaccinated against COVID-19 and you would like them to receive the vaccine, click the link below for information and the consent form or go to [gurwin.org/covid-19-vaccine](http://gurwin.org/covid-19-vaccine). All consent forms should be filled out and emailed to CovidVaccine@gurwin.org.

**Moderna Vaccine Information**

**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. Since yesterday, we have been alerted of a new positive test for one staff member.

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 nine residents on this unit. Since the pandemic began, we have celebrated more than 200 recoveries; sadly, we continue to mourn the 65 residents who were lost to the virus.

Since March 2020, 261 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.

As of today, units on quarantine include:
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/](http://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

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](http://www.wetransfer.com)) to info@gurwin.org.