Wednesday, April 14, 2021
5:00 PM

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

As we've mentioned several times since visitation began a few weeks ago, visitation is a fluid process dependent on the status of COVID-19 in our building. Because two of the recent positive test results for residents were on two different units, we are required to modify our visitation plans.

Here's what you need to know:

**IF YOU WERE SCHEDULED FOR A VISIT FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 15 THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 18** you will receive a call rescheduling that appointment to a Drive-Up Visit. As you may remember, Drive-Up Visits are 10 minutes in duration. They will be held just for these days in the parking area directly across from our Dialysis Center entrance, which you pass on the way to the rear of the building. There will be signs. Please park where indicated.

**IF YOU WERE PLANNING TO SCHEDULE A VISIT FOR NEXT WEEK (4/19-4/25), those visits have also been converted to Drive-Up Visits.** These will be held in the normal Drive-Up Visit location at the rear of the building, and will also be 10 minutes in duration. **Sign-ups for these visits will go live on Friday, 3:30 PM at bit.ly/GurwinVisits.**

**ALL RESIDENTS WILL BE TESTED AS REQUIRED BY THE NY STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON FRIDAY 4/16 AND TUESDAY 4/20.** Results of this testing is expected to be back by the end of the week, and we will be able to plan for the following week based on that information.

Regardless of the type of visits we can allow, **SIGN UPS WILL GO UP EACH FRIDAY AT 3:30 PM FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.** Go to bit.ly/GurwinVisits to schedule your visit. As a reminder, please only schedule one visit per resident per week to ensure anyone who wants a visit can have one.

Please see each unit's status for visitation/quarantine (transmission based precautions) below. As a reminder, residents whose units are on quarantine may not receive visitors until after the date listed. Sign ups for those units will go live the Friday prior to the date posted, pending test results.
Weekly Cumulative Statistics for COVID-19

As you know, we are required by the NY State Department of Health (DOH) 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. Unfortunately, we have sad news to report today. Yesterday, one of our residents who recently tested positive for COVID-19 passed away here at Gurwin. We are all saddened by this loss, and our condolences go out to this individual's family.

Residents who test positive 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 one resident who is COVID-19 positive in our facility. Since the pandemic began, we have celebrated well more than 220 recoveries; sadly, we mourn 67 residents who were lost to the virus.

Since March 2020, 276 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. More than 50% of our staff is now vaccinated against COVID-19, and we continue to vaccinate in-house those who wish to be vaccinated.

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. Thank you, as always, for your support. We look forward to seeing you soon!

The Gurwin Care Team
Schedule a visit with your loved one. Go to bit.ly/GurwinVisits to sign up.

Want to get vaccinated? Our in-house pharmacy is now providing vaccinations to resident and staff family members who are interested. Sign up at bit.ly/GurwinVaccineClinic, or email CovidVaccine@gurwin.org for more information. We are currently offering the Moderna vaccine.

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.