Thursday, April 22, 2021  
5:00 PM

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

Now that everyone over the age of 16 is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, some are reporting difficulty in scheduling appointments for the shot. Good news: our in-house Gurwin Pharmacy is certified as a vaccination site by the NY State Department of Health, and we have been given approval to vaccinate not only our residents and staff, but also our extended Gurwin family. This includes family members and loved ones of our residents and staff; if you would like to schedule an appointment to be vaccinated against COVID-19, visit [bit.ly/GurwinVaccineClinic](bit.ly/GurwinVaccineClinic) to schedule your appointment today. New appointments are added regularly, so check back if there isn't something that works for you now. We are currently administering the Moderna vaccine.

Reminder: sign-ups for visits for the following week go live EVERY FRIDAY AT 3:30 PM. Due to a positive test result for a resident yesterday, In-Person Visits will remain on pause, and we will be conducting Drive-Up Visits again next week. Each resident may have one visit per week at this time. Thank you for your cooperation. Schedule your visit at [bit.ly/GurwinVisits](bit.ly/GurwinVisits).

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. Residents who are newly admitted or readmitted will remain on quarantine for 14 days after the date of admission.
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. Today we are reporting a positive test result for one resident, found yesterday through our weekly surveillance testing.

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, 277 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.


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