



**Friday, May 14, 2021
4:00 PM**

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

Visits are in full swing, and we are thrilled to see the smiles from families and residents as they begin to see each other more often and with some regularity. Thank you to all families who have been so patient as we comply with the ever-changing --and often confusing --guidance from the NYS Department of Health (DOH). Please know that our priority continues to be keeping our residents and staff safe.

Scheduling for visits for the next week (Monday through Sunday) are posted each Friday at 3:30 PM. Once you click through to the sign up link, find your loved-one's unit, and click through to sign up for a visit on that unit's schedule. **DO NOT USE THE "CREATE A SIGN UP" BUTTON AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.**

Please coordinate with your family, and only schedule two visits per week per resident, with no more than two visitors per visit. Visitors must be 12 years or older.

Please remember: Although visitation has been going smoothly, this continues to be a fluid situation. We regularly test our staff and residents according to DOH regulations, which still may result in occasional positive results that require modification of our visiting plans. Also, although the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is changing rules for mask-wearing and indoor protocols for vaccinated people, we need to abide by the DOH guidance for nursing homes, which has not changed. Therefore, please be patient with our staff if we are asking you not to do something that outside of Gurwin you would be able to do.

Schedule your visit at bit.ly/GurwinVisits.

Quarantine Note: No units are on quarantine; therefore, all units are currently able to receive visitors, except in specific resident cases.

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. We have no new information to report from last week's newsletter, except to note that we currently have no residents in our COVID-19 isolation unit, and our employee vaccination rate is steadily improving, and now stands at more than 62%, better than the industry average.

Should a resident test positive, he or she will be moved to our COVID-19 isolation unit, and cared for there for a minimum of 14 days, until a negative clinical test result is received. Currently, we don't have any residents who are COVID-19 positive in our facility. Since the pandemic began, we have celebrated well more than 225 recoveries; sadly, we mourn 67 residents who were lost to the virus.

Since March 2020, 279 staff members have tested positive for the virus, none since last week. 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 62% of our staff is now vaccinated against COVID-19, and we continue to vaccinate in-house as new staff members are ready.

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.

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