



**Thursday, May 20, 2021  
6:00 PM**

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

With a few weeks of indoor visitation under our belt, we have heard our family members, and understand that 45 minutes is often not long enough for a visit with your loved ones, especially as the weather is improving and many of you have been taking advantage of the outdoor patios for visiting. With that in mind, sign ups for next week will include one 90-minute slot rather than two 45 minute slots for visiting each day, with an increased number of slots per unit per day, as well. Residents will still be able to have visitors twice per week, and we are hopeful that this will enhance the visiting experience for all.

As a reminder, 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. No pets at this time. We ask that visitors, upon entry, go directly to their loved one's room and conduct their visit there, or on one of our patios. Otherwise, we ask that you refrain from moving through other areas of the building.**

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 comply with the NY State Department of Health 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 might be able to do.

**Schedule your visit at [bit.ly/GurwinVisits](https://bit.ly/GurwinVisits).**

**Quarantine Note:** 3 West is currently on quarantine until May 28, pending test results. All other units are able to receive visits at this time.

### 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.

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, 280 staff members have tested positive for the virus, one 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/](https://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](https://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](https://bit.ly/GurwinVaccineClinic), or email [CovidVaccine@gurwin.org](mailto:CovidVaccine@gurwin.org) for more information. We are currently offering the Moderna vaccine.**

**Video Chat with your loved one: email [videochat@gurwin.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@gurwin.org), and we'll deliver your good wishes.**