Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

We have some good news to report to you today! Final results from our surveillance testing show that there are no cases of COVID-19 in our Gurwin community, enabling residents on every unit to receive visitors!

We are very pleased to bring you this news, but want to caution that visitation will continue to be held with some strict caveats in order to protect our residents. COVID-19 is still impacting many of our surrounding communities and we continue to be under federal health emergency status, therefore to minimize virus entry into our facility and to comply with Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) infection control protocols, we ask that you review and comply with the following:

- All visiting will be held during specific timeslots:
  
  9 AM - 11 AM  
  12 PM - 4 PM  
  5 PM - 8 PM

- Only two (2) guests per resident are permitted in the facility at any one time. We are pleased to be able to open visitation to any friend or resident family member -- we are no longer restricted to limiting visitation to only those specified on the Personal Caregiver List. Please coordinate with your family members to ensure adherence to this on-site visitor rule as Sign Up Genius is no longer necessary for scheduling visits.

- All visitors must be at least 12 years of age, and at least one visitor must be 18 years or older.

- The Core Principles of Infection Control must be strictly adhered to at all times.
COVID-19 screening will continue to be performed via the AccuShield kiosks upon entering our community (refer to the link at the bottom of this newsletter to sign up for your account if you haven't already done so);

- Masks must be worn when entering our facility, *and at all times*, even when visiting outdoors in the courtyards;
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times; please refrain from sitting on your loved one's bed;
- Hands must be washed when entering and leaving our community.

- Visits will be held in the resident’s room or on the courtyard. No visiting of neighboring residents' rooms. **Outdoor courtyard visitation is encouraged, weather permitting!**

- Compassionate Care Visits remain unchanged.

- Personal pets are not permitted entry at this time, however we are pleased to report that Pet Therapy visits through our Therapeutic Recreation team will begin shortly!

More good news! Our beautician and our barber are back! Appointments may be scheduled through your unit receptionist. Please check with our Finance Department that sufficient funds are available in your loved one's personal needs account. 631-715-2505.

Surveillance testing is no longer required for residents, and the testing rules have changed for our staff as well; however, please be advised that if a resident is symptomatic, rapid testing will be performed and any positive test result will result in a pause in regular visiting. As always, we encourage you to call our **Visitation Hotline Number** the morning of your visit to check the prerecorded message regarding any potential changes to visitation status: **631-715-2200**.

Hope for happier days is certainly on the horizon as many of society’s restrictions are being lifted. We appreciate your support and the kind letters that we have received from many of you about our staff throughout these challenging times.

Looking forward to seeing you at your next visit! In the meantime, stay safe and stay cool!

Best regards,

The Gurwin Care Team

Get the Accushield Fast Track Visitation Entrance Pass -- [Click Here to Learn More.](#)

Before you visit, check for daily visitation updates at (631) 715-2200.