Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

As you know from the news, the Delta variant of the coronavirus is a concern throughout the country, and we are seeing an uptick in positive tests in our local community, as well. This is of concern for all, but especially for our residents and staff, as we all work to keep everyone safe even as we open our visitation schedule to allow more visitors and expanded hours. We continue to ask for your diligence in observing safe infection control practices, including:

- Wearing a mask during your entire visit, from before you enter our facility, at all times while with a resident, and until you completely exit the building;
- Washing or sanitizing your hands when you enter the building, often throughout your visit, and again prior to leaving;
- Visiting outdoors when possible (while wearing your mask, please), and maintaining social distancing as best you can regardless of where the visit is held.

While these requests may seem restrictive, please understand that the goal is to keep everyone safe.

In hearing about the uptick in positive tests for COVID-19, we have learned that some skilled nursing facilities in our area are also experiencing positive tests for staff and residents. As a reminder, our vaccinated staff (more than 65% of our staff is fully vaccinated) is no longer required to be tested twice weekly, and those who are not vaccinated must be tested once per month, as per NY State Department of Health regulations. Should any staff member or resident test positive, we are required to pause visitation immediately, until a full round of testing can be completed for residents and staff. Depending on the results of that testing, visitation may open up for some or all residents. It is imperative that all staff and visitors adhere to good infection control practices so that we can continue to welcome visitors to our facility. We encourage you to call our Visitation Hotline Number the morning of your visit to check the prerecorded message regarding any potential changes to our visitation status: 631-715-2200.
As you may know, our Adult Day Care Programs have been closed since last March, and we are pleased to announce that our Social Adult Day Program is scheduled to open again on August 2. Plans are for our Medical Adult Day Program to open shortly thereafter. Jeraldine Fedoriw, LMSW, our Chief Adult Day Officer, has been supporting our Social Work team while her program has been shuttered; however, she will be moving from her Social Work activities this week to focus on opening our Adult Day Care Programs. We appreciate your patience while we search for her replacement.

A few notes:
- Visitors may sit with residents on the units in the dining rooms; however, please be sure you can maintain safe social distancing from others. In addition, no visitors are permitted in the dining rooms during meals. If you would like to be with your loved one during a meal, please do so in his/her room.
- Please refrain from getting drinks, using the ice machine, and putting items in the refrigerator while in the unit dining rooms. Please ask staff for assistance.
- Residents who are fully vaccinated who go out on pass no longer need to quarantine upon their return. Unvaccinated residents must still quarantine for 14 days after leaving the facility.

Visiting Information:
- Hours are from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM.
- Residents may receive two visitors at a time. All visitors must be over the age of 12, and at least one must be 18 or older.
- No pets at this time, please.

You can find full guidance on our website at www.gurwin.org/visitation. Updated information will be placed here as necessary.

Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and help in keeping our residents and staff safe.

Best regards,

The Gurwin Care Team

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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.

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 and the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.