



**Friday, October 8, 2021  
5:00 PM**

Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

We are writing today to inform you that one of our residents who was recently hospitalized has tested positive for COVID-19. The resident was retested last night when we were notified of this resident's exposure to another patient with the virus while in the hospital. Although the resident returned to Gurwin with a negative test, and tested negative in our surveillance testing on Wednesday, the resident has subsequently tested positive for COVID-19. Temporary suspension of all **indoor** visitation remains in effect.

All residents were tested on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and there were no additional positive test results. Staff will continue to be tested over the next few weeks. After the second round of testing, indoor visitation will resume for all units and residents not on quarantine, pending test results.

Our Memory Care Unit (1 North and 1 South) will continue to be on quarantine due to possible exposure through at least October 19, pending test results.

### **VISITATION INFORMATION**

**Outdoor visitation is still permitted for all residents not on quarantine; you will be notified if your loved one is on quarantine.** Visits will be scheduled through Sign Up Genius, which you can find at [bit.ly/GurwinVisits](https://bit.ly/GurwinVisits). In order to ensure that everyone has a chance to visit, we ask that you **sign up for no more than one visit per week per resident**. Sign-ups for the coming week will be posted each Monday at 3:30 pm. **Be sure to call our Visitation Hotline at (631) 715-2200 prior to your visit for updated information, as visitation may need to be canceled due to inclement weather, including rain or heat advisory.**

The visiting schedule at this time will remain daily from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM and 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, except on Wednesdays, which will replace the morning slot with an evening slot from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM.

Please be sure to follow these rules when visiting:

- Wear a mask during your entire visit, from **before** you enter our facility, at all times while with a resident (including while outdoors during your visit), and until you completely exit the building;
- Wash or sanitize your hands when you enter the building, often throughout your visit, and again prior to leaving;
- Maintain social distancing as best as you can at all times during your visit.
- **Children under 2 years of age are not permitted to visit at this time.**

**FaceTime visits** will resume while indoor visitation is paused. Please use the link previously provided to you by your loved one's unit recreation therapist, or email [videochat@gurwin.org](mailto:videochat@gurwin.org) for your signup link. Again, we ask that you sign up for one FaceTime visit per week to ensure that everyone who wants a visit can have one.

### **WINTER IS COMING**

A few things you should know:

- We are in the process of creating a covered, heated area outdoors for use as the weather gets colder, should we be required to host outdoor visits into the cooler months.
- Please be sure your loved one has season-appropriate clothing, especially if they may be going outdoors, whether that be for an outdoor visit, appointment or family event. This should include sweaters, socks, long-sleeved shirts, and appropriate outerwear.
- Slippers should always have a back, especially for ambulatory residents.

### **KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO NEEDS THIS INFORMATION?**

Share this newsletter with your family members and others who need to know.

If you have questions about visitation as it specifically affects your loved one, please contact his/her social worker.

You may also **email [info@gurwin.org](mailto:info@gurwin.org) with questions**. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to keep our residents safe during this time.

Best regards,

The Gurwin Care Team



## Boosters for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

Residents who received the Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine **at least** six months ago are now eligible for a booster, which will roll out at the Gurwin Center beginning Monday, October 11. Residents who make their own health care decisions will be educated about the booster, and given an opportunity to consent; those family members who are their loved one's decision makers should have received an email and call earlier this week with instructions on consenting for the vaccine booster. Visit [gurwin.org/COVID-19-vaccine](http://gurwin.org/COVID-19-vaccine) for more information.

Currently, no booster has been approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) for the Moderna or Janssen vaccines. Residents who received the Moderna or Janssen COVID-19 vaccines will receive boosters upon FDA approval.



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Did you receive a robo call tonight? Please email [info@gurwin.org](mailto:info@gurwin.org) or reply to this email if you would like the number changed for future calls. Be sure to include the resident's name and your name on the email. Unfortunately, only one family member per resident may be called through this system.

Before you visit, [check for daily visitation updates at \(631\) 715-2200](#). Find full visitation guidance on our website at [www.gurwin.org/visitation-policy/](http://www.gurwin.org/visitation-policy/).

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.

Visit our website at [www.gurwin.org](http://www.gurwin.org) for Frequently Asked Questions and other updates on COVID-19. Past Family and Resident Update newsletters can be accessed at [www.gurwin.org/family-updates/](http://www.gurwin.org/family-updates/).

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