Dear Gurwin Residents and Family Members:

We are writing today to inform you that one of our staff members has tested positive for COVID-19. Although our staff is vaccinated as required by NY State Department of Health (DOH) mandate, we are required to follow DOH regulations when anyone tests positive, which includes temporary suspension of all indoor visitation.

All residents will be tested tomorrow, October 6, and family members will be notified of the results when they are received. Staff will be tested as soon as possible over the next week. Pending the results of these tests, which should be complete within approximately seven days, we will either open again for indoor visitation, or remain paused for further testing.

Our Memory Care Unit (1 North and 1 South) has been placed on quarantine due to possible exposure, which will remain in effect, pending testing results, for at least 14 days.

Outdoor visitation is still permitted for all residents not on quarantine. Visits will be scheduled through Sign Up Genius, which you can find at [bit.ly/GurwinVisits](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. The sign up will go live tonight at 7:00 PM through next Tuesday, October 12. 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.

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 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.

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 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 today with instructions on consenting for the vaccine booster. Visit gurwin.org/COVID-19-vaccine for more information.

Currently, no booster has been approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). Residents who received the Moderna or Janssen COVID-19 vaccines will receive boosters upon FDA approval.
Did you receive a robo call tonight? Please email 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, and we'll deliver your good wishes.


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