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March 17, 2020

Update: GHA Situation

Goodwin House has learned that a family member of a GHA resident tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19) on Sunday evening (March 15). Since then, the family member has been in self-isolation at home in Washington, D.C.

On Friday (March 13), the family member visited the resident in the resident's apartment. They did not spend time anywhere else on the GHA campus. Since learning of the family member's test results, the resident has been placed in self-isolation in the resident's apartment. At this time, the resident is not experiencing symptoms, and the clinic staff is monitoring the resident's temperature and condition throughout the day.

We notified the Alexandria Health Department (AHD) and asked for their guidance. We also asked if the resident should be tested. The AHD responded that testing is not warranted at this time, because the resident is not experiencing any symptoms.

We asked the resident to retrace their steps since the visit. The resident appropriately practiced social distancing and had only a few conversations with residents and staff. We have notified those individuals of the situation. The AHD has advised that if contact is six feet apart and for a period of ten minutes or less, then those in contact with the resident do not need to self-isolate.

New Screening and Infection Precaution Measures

In an abundance of caution, we have implemented escalated screening measures for all approved individuals upon entrance to our communities.



- There is only one entrance open at each building: the Main Lobby. All staff must enter through the Main Lobby and take time to be screened daily.
- When you enter, you will be screened for symptoms and your temperature will be taken.

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Reminder: Do Not Enter a Goodwin House Building If:



- You are experiencing respiratory or flu symptoms
- You have been exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19



- You have traveled to a Level 2 or Level 3 COVID-19 location as identified by the Centers for Disease Control, or been on a cruise

If any of these apply to you, please do not come in to work. Instead, contact your Department Director, who will discuss next steps with you.

New Dining Services Policies

Goodwin House is suspending communal dining across both campuses. Staff meals will be served in to-go boxes at the Bistro (GHBC) and Mixing Bowl (GHA). Bottled or canned drinks will be provided, or a dining services staff member will serve drinks in a to-go cup. Grab-and-Go options are also available for purchase at the Marketplace (GHBC) and Fillmore Market (GHA).

Text Alerts for Staff Notifications

If you have registered your cell phone number through ADP, you will be on the list to receive text messages on your cell phone whenever there is a new update. If you receive a text from the number **729-45**, please open and read it. The message will include a link to direct you to more information.

The latest updates will always be available at this link: www.goodwinhouse.org/staff-update

Food Assistance for Those Who Need It

Goodwin House can provide some food staples (e.g. peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, instant oatmeal, soup, etc.) for staff members who are struggling to obtain food for themselves or their families. All items will be placed in zip-lock bags and available for pick-up from your department director **starting next week**. If your pantry is well-stocked and/or obtaining food for your family is not problematic, we ask that you not take these supplies, respecting those with greater need.

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