

Staff Update | May 13, 2020

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Update on COVID-19 Cases

Here you will find a brief weekly update of COVID-19 cases at GHI. Daily updates are posted weekdays in the GHBC mail room and on the GHA bulletin board above the activity table.

Goodwin House COVID-19 cases as of Wednesday, May 13:

GHA	GHBC
Residents: no resident cases	Residents: 6 existing resident cases
Staff: 3 existing staff cases	Staff: 3 existing staff cases
Recovered: 3 total staff members	Recovered: 2 total staff members

GHI Moves Forward with Organization-Wide Testing

As communicated to all staff on Tuesday, May 12, and as part of ongoing efforts to keep residents, members and staff safe, we are implementing our goal of organization-wide COVID-19 testing. All senior living organizations are moving in this direction and most, if not all, will likely undertake ongoing testing. Goodwin House is grateful to be a leader in this effort so we can better protect you.

GHA and GHBC will both implement testing for all staff. Testing will be scheduled by departments. Each community will schedule testing based on its own needs. Also, we have a correction to the communication sent on Tuesday, May 12: Health & Wellness staff at GHBC will not be in the first group of testing next week. GHBC is proceeding in a slightly different group order.

You will learn several days in advance when your department is to be tested. If you have questions, please see the email from Fran Casey that was sent on Tuesday, May 12 at 2:40 p.m. and titled "Important COVID-19 Testing Information."

Jumma Khutbah Reflections

This week's **Jumma Khutbah Reflections**, presented by Imam Naeem Baig and Imam Edrees Bridges, can be found at the following links. Join us as a GH community to watch together on Fridays from 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. using this link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/564259189>

Watch anytime from your work or personal computer by going directly to the YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/akoXObtBJ4Y>. A new reflections video will be shared each Friday.

Words of Thanks from Residents' Families

Here are two of the special thank you notes we received from residents' loved ones this week:

"I would like to thank everyone at Goodwin House for their hard work. This work is trying enough under the best of circumstances, and adding a pandemic as well increases the demands placed on staff even more. Yet you all rise to the occasion, and even manage to excel under these strenuous circumstances. To each and every one of you, you have my respect and admiration."

"Dear Nurses, Aides, Care Staff, Administrative Personnel, Food Service Personnel, Facilities, Management, and all who work at Goodwin House, we want to thank you for the great job you are all doing under very trying and difficult circumstances in caring for all residents. Every day you put yourselves on the line with grace, kindness and love. Your commitment is extraordinary and beautiful everyday, but especially in these times."

The GH Store Serves Those in Need

We have decided to modify the GH Store based on staff feedback and operational considerations. As explained in the attached memo, the GH Store will now offer bags of food staples free of charge for those who have been affected by job loss, furloughs and other challenges related to COVID-19. Paper towels, toilet paper and disinfectant will also be available in limited quantities. If you need these items, please visit the Foundation Office at GHBC (located to the left of the Front Entrance) or the Resident Conference Room at GHA (located to the right of the Reception Desk).



Pocket-Sized Pick-Me-Ups

We can always use words of encouragement. During difficult times, a few simple words can be all we need to get through our day. Pocket-Sized Pick-Me-Ups are created just for you by Goodwin House colleagues. These notecards fit in your pocket and feature quotes and messages that we hope lift your spirits. Cards are available at the check-in tables.

Pocket-Sized Pick-Me-Up

Every day, you bring your best to your work.
And every day, we want you to feel supported.
Please keep this pocket-sized pick-me-up with
you. We hope it helps you throughout the day.

*We are committed to keeping residents and staff healthy.
Thank you for your efforts to keep our community infection-free.*



Infection Precaution