

Staff Update | July 15, 2020

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Update on COVID-19 Cases

Goodwin House COVID-19 cases as of Wednesday, July 15:

GHA	GHBC
Residents: 0 resident cases	Residents: 0 resident cases
Staff: 1 staff case, 1 pending test results to return to work	Staff: 1 staff case, 3 pending test results to return to work

Inaccurate Local Media Coverage of GHA COVID-19 Cases

We appreciate local media efforts to provide updates on the infection precaution situations of senior living communities. Unfortunately, an article published in the Alexandria Times on Thursday, July 9 has resulted in a misunderstanding about the number of cases at GHA.

[\(https://alextimes.com/2020/07/city-long-term-care-facilities-hit-hard-by-covid-19/\)](https://alextimes.com/2020/07/city-long-term-care-facilities-hit-hard-by-covid-19/)

We want to reassure everyone that GHA has no resident cases and just two staff cases at present – not 14 (as the article indicates). GHA has had a total of 14 cases – one resident and 13 staff – since the pandemic began in March, not since “June 30” as the article states.

The Alexandria Times has since corrected their online news article. We have also submitted a letter to the editor to provide an accurate update regarding GHA and COVID-19 cases. Thank you for all that you are doing to keep our staff and residents safe and healthy during this time!



Timeframe for Getting Test Results Back

As the number of COVID-19 cases rises across the country, the demand for testing is also increasing. Testing companies are having to process more and more tests, which slows the turnaround time for receiving results. The testing labs we use for our testing are experiencing the same delays, so don't be concerned if it takes a few more days to receive your results. They are just dealing with a higher volume of tests than usual.



Rising COVID-19 Cases & Traveling

If you are traveling this summer, please be aware and cautious of the rising number of COVID-19 cases across the U.S. Traveling by car is better than using an airplane, train or bus, but it does not eliminate the risk of exposure. Before you take a trip, check the latest case numbers for the area you plan to visit, especially if it is near a popular or crowded beach, as these areas have been cited as the source of many new cases. Also be aware that some states are requiring out-of-state visitors to quarantine when they arrive. Plan ahead and check for the latest rules and regulations before you take a trip.

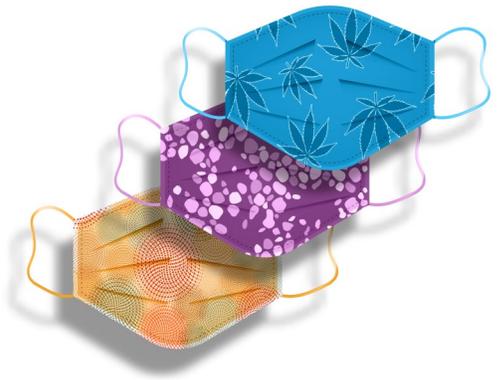


The latest update to the GH Travel Policy is available to view on the [Staff Update page](#). Please review this document before you travel and follow the protocols.

As the number of COVID-19 cases rises, which has happened in dramatic numbers in many states, we are at greater risk when we travel. Thank you for following our protocols and continuing to practice good hygiene and social distancing. Your efforts are a very important reason why our positive cases are low. Thank you, GH staff!

Cloth Masks are Still Available

Now more than ever, it's important to always wear a mask whenever you are outside your home – and the same goes for the other people in your household, too. When you and your family members wear your masks, it helps to keep our whole community safe.



We still have cloth masks available. If you or a family member need a cloth mask, please contact Fran Casey in HR at fcasey@goodwinhouse.org or 703.824.1032.



Thank You for Being Our Heroes!

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

