

Staff Update | July 29, 2020

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Update on COVID-19 Cases

Goodwin House COVID-19 cases as of Wednesday, July 29:

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

Tuition Assistance Grants

We are pleased to announce that the Goodwin House Foundation will be accepting applications for two new programs. We can offer these grants because of the generosity that has been provided to the Foundation in gratitude for this community and your outstanding work. **Note:** Applications for the following grants are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, August 10. Submit applications to vburke@goodwinhouse.org or mail to Goodwin House Foundation, 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22311. Winners will be notified by August 18.



The **Claude Moore Tuition Grants for Employee Children** is offering eight scholarship grants of \$1,000 each to eight children of current GH employees. The grants are to be applied toward college tuition or vocational training certification.

The **Anderson Fund Student Loan Repayment for Employee Graduates** is offering 10 grants of \$1,000 each that will be offered to 10 employees for student loan repayment. These grants will be offered to employees who have completed their studies and have a balance remaining on their student loans. See the attached application forms for more details.

Do You Need Masks?

Do you need surgical masks for yourself or your family's personal use? We are pleased to share that 3-ply surgical masks will be available to purchase in the GHA and GHBC Marketplaces starting on Monday, August 3. The masks will be stored behind the counter, so ask the DS staff member on duty if you wish to purchase a box. Masks will be sold by the box (50 masks per box). Staff members may purchase one box every two weeks.



Pricing will vary based on the cost when we re-order. Currently, we are able to sell them for \$9.59 per box. Payment may be made by cash or credit card. All sales are final—masks cannot be returned.

Purchases may be made during normal Marketplace hours. For staff members who work the night shift, if you are not able to come in during store hours, please contact HR at hr@goodwinhouse.org to arrange for purchase and pickup.

Got Extra PTO? Consider These Donation Options:

Did you know that you can support your colleagues and/or the GH Foundation by donating a portion of your accrued paid time off (PTO)?

Shared Leave Bank – the Shared Leave Bank was established in 2015 to reduce the hardship that our teammates experience when they must take time off to care for a sick family member (child or spouse with a prolonged illness), respond to the death of a spouse or child, respond to a natural or personal disaster, and in response to COVID-19, where the employee has come in direct contact with a COVID-19 resident and/or staff member.



The Shared Leave Bank helped support a longtime staff member to remain with her daughter after her daughter had brain surgery to remove a cancerous tumor. The employee shared that being able to be with her daughter was gift that she would never forget and always be grateful for. And the daughter's recovery process was easier because she could have her mom by her side.

GH Foundation – You can support the Foundation by donating leave. You can designate where you would like your contribution to go – the Staff Support Fund, for example. More details to come!

Donating leave is easy! Simply fill out the attached form and return it to hr@goodwinhouse.org or drop it off in the HR department. Remember, we are all in this together!

Please Take Our Survey – We Want to Hear From You!

As the new school year approaches, we recognize that many of you will face significant challenges as the majority of children in this area begin online-only learning. To better understand individual needs and how we might be able to provide support through this challenging time, we'd like to ask those of you who have children at home and those of you seeking to continue your education, please take a few minutes to [complete the survey](#). Paper copies of the survey are available in HR, at the screening desk, and in each department. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3RJQ3N9>

The Spire Complex: New Affordable Housing Next to GHA

The Spire is a new affordable housing opportunity located across Fillmore Avenue from GHA – it's the new building on the right as you enter the GHA campus, and is scheduled to open next spring. Keep an eye out at the property for a banner advertisement that will offer directions for adding your name to the waitlist.

To be among the first to learn that The Spire is accepting names to its waitlist, sign-up for the City's affordable housing news updates: <https://member.everbridge.net/1332612387832027/login>.

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

