

Staff Update | August 5, 2020

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Update on COVID-19 Cases

Goodwin House COVID-19 cases as of Wednesday, August 5:

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

Diversity Equality and Inclusion (DEI) Committee Update

As shared with you recently, Goodwin House is committed to doing more to honor, celebrate and promote diversity, equality and inclusion among our staff, residents and members and within the overall community.

We formed our new Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Committee (DEI) in early July to guide our efforts. The committee is chaired by Director of Environmental Services Theresa Thomas and includes staff and residents. They meet every other week. In their short time together, they have begun a listening tour to hear your thoughts and ideas. They are in the process of creating their first newsletter, which will be published this month. They have also met with Human Resources staff and our Chief Strategy & Marketing Officer to learn more about our outreach methods for staff and residents.

You may contact members of the committee by emailing dei@goodwinhouse.org. Your comments, suggestions and concerns are important as we move forward together.

Join Our Discussion:

We invite staff to join the DEI Committee and Goodwin House residents in a discussion of the documentary [“A Class Divided”](#). In a third grade Iowa classroom in 1968, a teacher conducted an experiment to help her students experience the effect of discrimination. On Thursday, August 13 at 5:00 p.m., join us over Zoom for a thoughtful conversation about how the results of this experiment remain relevant today. Together we can educate, embrace and empower a culture where racism is openly discussed and thoughtfully changed. Watch the video and join the conversation. Directions for how to join the Zoom call are coming soon. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mcCLm_LwpE



Need an Annual Medical Check-Up? Do It Now.

The Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey shows that nearly 46% of Virginians have delayed getting medical care due to the coronavirus outbreak. If you've put off getting your annual check-up or other routine visits, now is the time to schedule those appointments. Health authorities and medical professionals are suggesting that all Americans move quickly to complete routine check-ups and health appointments before the flu season arrives this fall. Why? Because if there is a surge in COVID-19 cases during flu season, there is a risk that we may go back to stay-at-home orders and other restrictions to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Your health matters to you, your family and Goodwin House!

Do You or Your Family Need Masks?

Wearing a mask whenever you are outside your home remains one of the best things you can do to keep yourself and your loved ones safe and healthy. Free cloth masks are still available for you or family members. Visit a Goodwin House HR office if you need a cloth mask or email hr@goodwinhouse.org.

To support your safety and that of your immediate family, GH is making 3-ply surgical masks available to purchase at cost (plus tax) for all staff. This means you pay the price that GH pays, rather than retail costs, which can be expensive. The masks are available at the Fillmore Market at GHA and the Marketplace at GHBC. Let the Dining Services staff member on duty know that you wish to purchase masks. Masks are 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, they are \$9.59 per box. All sales are final—masks cannot be returned.

Remember to Take Our Back to School Survey!

If you have children at home or are seeking to continue your education this fall, [please take our survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3RJQ3N9). Goodwin House wants to understand your needs and how we may be able to provide assistance. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3RJQ3N9>

CHANCES OF COVID-19 INFECTION

VERY HIGH

HIGH

MEDIUM

LOW

6 FEET

VERY LOW

NONE

Wearing a Cloth Face Covering can feel like a hard thing to do. Luckily, you can do hard things.

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

