

Staff Update | August 19, 2020

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Update on COVID-19 Cases as of Wednesday, August 19

GHA	GHBC
Residents: 0 resident cases	Residents: 0 resident cases
Staff: 6 staff cases, 0 pending test results to return to work	Staff: 2 staff cases, 1 pending test results to return to work

Practice Precautions 24/7 – Now More Than Ever

As you may have heard, many testing facilities are experiencing delays in processing COVID-19 tests. We've experienced delays in receiving results for Goodwin House. These delays are due to more and more people being tested. This means we must all practice our best hygiene precautions!

Why? When test results are delayed, it takes longer to identify cases of asymptomatic staff members. Hygiene precautions and proper use of PPE are our best line of defense to keep the virus from spreading from those who are asymptomatic.

Please remember that we each play a role in protecting ourselves and others from the virus. We must wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE) at work, wash our hands frequently, wipe down equipment and furniture before and after use, stay home when we're not feeling well and remember to keep six feet of distance from others whenever possible and especially while eating.

Together we can protect residents and each other from infection. Please do your part!

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitizer
- Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from others
- Try your best not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Seek medical attention if you have difficulty breathing and a high fever



Clean hands ?

Masks must be worn at all times on Goodwin House campuses. Make sure your mask covers your nose and mouth completely.



COVID-19 Testing: Why Does the Frequency Change?

You might wonder why we sometimes change the frequency of testing for staff and residents. We do this based on new cases and requirements from health authorities. Thank you for your patience with testing changes when they occur. Our ongoing testing demonstrates our organization's commitment to keeping our residents and staff safe!

Voting Checklist and Information

Voting is important, and the right of all U.S. citizens. As the pandemic continues, we want to make sure that you are prepared to vote safely this year. Pick up a copy of our Voting Checklist and Information resource on the screening desk.



PRIZES! Now that We Have Your Attention...

Interested in winning a \$50 Amazon Gift Card? To enter the drawing for the gift cards, all you need to do is answer these two questions:

1. What are YOU doing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19?
2. What topic would you like covered in the next Staff Update issue?

You may submit your answers by email to HR@goodwinhouse.org or you may leave your written response at the Reception Desk. All submissions are due by 5:00 p.m. Monday, August 31. Four winners will be selected at random from the submissions received.

Congratulations to Our Award Winners!

LeadingAge Virginia held their annual awards gala this week. During their virtual ceremony over Zoom, they recognized two groups of individuals at Goodwin House for their amazing efforts. The Goodwin House Dementia Advance Team won the [2020 Dementia Friends Champion of the Year](#) award! They were recognized for their work in bringing dementia awareness and training to Goodwin House and to the wider Northern Virginia community. The Silver Panther Huddle – a committee of GHBC residents – was also honored with the [2020 Advocacy Award](#). One recent example of their advocacy work was the George Floyd Vigil held at GHBC this past June. Congratulations, winners! <http://bit.ly/Huddle-Advocacy> | <http://bit.ly/2020-dementia-champion>

Masks Are Still Available

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. We have cloth masks available free of charge to staff. If you need a cloth face mask please contact Human Resources at HR@goodwinhouse.org or call Susan Matthews at 703-578-7205. Limit three per person. Boxes of 50 surgical face masks are also available for purchase in the Marketplace (GHBC) and Fillmore Market (GHA).



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



Infection Precaution