

Staff Update | August 26, 2020

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Update on COVID-19 Cases as of Wednesday, August 26:

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

Upcoming Mandatory Training to Keep Us Safe & Healthy

The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry issued a mandate that **all staff members** are required to complete training designed to control, prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19. **This training must be completed by Friday, September 4.** The training module will be available on Relias starting this evening. Staff members who do not have access to Relias may attend a Zoom meeting on Thursday, August 27 at 1:00 p.m. or Friday, August 28 at 3:00 p.m. to fulfill the requirement. See attached flyer for details.

Two Anniversaries to Celebrate!

Our very own Audrey Keith celebrated 50 years of service with Goodwin House. Her first day on the job was Aug. 17, 1970. This is remarkable given that the average American stays with the same employer for less than five years.

Audrey is legendary for how she faithfully serves residents and staff of Goodwin House Alexandria as a member of the Dining Services Department. Last week, residents and colleagues both past and present celebrated Audrey at a special outdoor reception. A cherry tree was planted outside the Fillmore Dining Room in her honor. Thank you, Audrey, for nourishing us and giving us a reason to smile every time we enter the Staff Dining Room.

While we're at it, we celebrated the 53rd anniversary of the opening of Goodwin House Alexandria on August 25! Learn more about the history of Goodwin House by watching [the great video produced for our 50th anniversary](#) celebrations in 2017.

<http://bit.ly/goodwin-house-turns-50>



How We Care for Staff Members with COVID-19

We have systems in place to support staff members if they or members of their household test positive for COVID-19. We do things such as make staff members aware of benefits like the Shared Leave Bank and short-term disability, send them gift cards and bags of essential items and have their department directors frequently check in to coordinate testing and offer support. This is just one of the ways we support staff members who test positive. We are thankful for our dedicated staff and all you do to keep your co-workers and residents safe and healthy!

Fairfax Connector Resumes Full Service

The Fairfax Connector bus system will resume full service on all routes as of August 29, 2020. While this makes transportation easier for some, others still face challenges. We are working to address transportation needs for our staff. If you are having trouble getting to and from work, please contact Fran Casey at fcasey@goodwinhouse.org or 703-824-1032 to share your experience.

Congrats to Our Back-to-School Raffle Winners!

Thank you to all who participated in our Back-to-School Basket Raffle to win school supplies for your loved ones. We selected two winners per category for each community. If you are a winner, please visit HR by Friday, August 28 to claim your basket.



GHA Winners	GHBC Winners
Elementary: Amos Oppong & Habiba Amharrar	Elementary: Felicia Foster & Nutchu Jackson
Middle/High: Peter Asenso & Ciara Bryant	Middle/High: Zenabu Musah & Kokoe Amouzou
College: Natasha Cruz & Adama Jalloh	College: Yeworkwha Beru & Bridget Boamah

Thank You for Using Masks!

Around 100 boxes of surgical masks have been purchased by staff. Thank you for taking this important step to protect yourself, your loved ones and the Goodwin House community. Cloth masks are still available free of charge to staff (limit three per person). Email HR at hr@goodwinhouse.org or call Susan Matthews at 703-578-7205. Boxes of 50 surgical masks are also still available for purchase in the Marketplace (GHBC) and Fillmore Market (GHA).

Your 2021 Benefits: Open Enrollment Starts Now

Open enrollment for Dental, Vision and Short-Term Disability coverage has begun. Please log in to ADP and review your selections by September 4, 2020. As a reminder, the Ameritas Dental plan will end on September 30, 2020. If you don't wish to make any changes to your current dental benefits, your enrollment will move automatically to the comparable Cigna plan on October 1. Check your email for several recent messages with more information or contact HR at hr@goodwinhouse.org.

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

