

# Goodwin House Public Statement | Feb. 12, 2021

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## Update | Goodwin House Infection Precaution Efforts

*Below, please read a letter that we distributed via email to families and friends of Goodwin House Residents on February 12, 2021.*

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Today, we recognize the Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in China, Vietnam, South Korea and many other Asian countries. GHA Communications Coordinator Jenny Wu shared how her family celebrates the Lunar New Year in a recent [Friday Thoughts essay](#) from the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Committee. May this new year bring you good health and good fortune!

## Vaccines, Variants & Our Safe Path Forward

In this week's Resident Update, we provided an update on our progress in reaching our goal of having 80% of staff and residents fully vaccinated against COVID-19. We are pleased to report steady progress toward that goal with more independent living residents receiving their second vaccine. Reaching this target will allow us to begin the gradual return to in-person activities and visitation protocols as part of our Safe Path Forward. We will provide details of that plan next week. GHA and GHBC will each have their own plans.

As we strive toward our goals for herd immunity within Goodwin House, which is the first step on our Safe Path Forward, we continue to stress the importance of taking all precautions to protect yourself and others. This is particularly important with the arrival of variants of the coronavirus that are more transmissible than the original virus. As mentioned above, our return to services and amenities will be intentional and gradual, providing us with a controlled situation that we can manage should we experience any cases of the virus along the way.

## Love Abounds at GHA and GHBC!

Residents and staff are gearing up to celebrate Valentine's Day this weekend. [Check out our Facebook page](#) to see some of the ways we got into the Valentine's Day spirit this year. Residents will be treated to a special meal on Sunday evening.

## Reminder: Join Our Giving Day Efforts

Speaking of love... this Sunday, February 14, we will be celebrating our first annual Giving Day in support of the Goodwin House Foundation. "Give | Share | Join -- Show Your Love" is this year's theme. Read more about the good work of the Foundation, and the important ways

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they provide support to residents and staff. We hope you'll consider [making a contribution](#) to support our Giving Day efforts.

## Feeling the Love

Our hearts overflow with love and gratitude for all members of our Goodwin House family-- residents, staff and you! Thank you for the love and support you share with us throughout the year, and most especially in the past year. In spite of having to stay apart, in many ways we feel more connected than ever before. If you ever wish to connect with us, feel free to reach out at any time.

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