

Staff Update | April 14, 2021

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Update on COVID-19 Cases as of Wednesday, April 14:

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

Think Twice Before You Come In to Work

Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine is an important measure that helps protect everyone. But receiving the vaccine does not mean that you are 100% protected from contracting or transmitting COVID. That's why we're asking all staff—whether you are vaccinated or not—to **Think Twice** before you come in to work.

- If you do not feel well, call your supervisor before coming in to work.
- If you have sick children or family members at home, call your supervisor before coming in to work and seek a rapid test when you arrive.
- Answer the screening questions honestly. We are able to conduct rapid tests at any time, so you may be asked to simply take a rapid test before proceeding to your work area.



Detecting and confirming positive COVID cases before staff start their work day helps Goodwin House avoid putting entire levels of living on quarantine, which keeps residents from being able to see their loved ones.

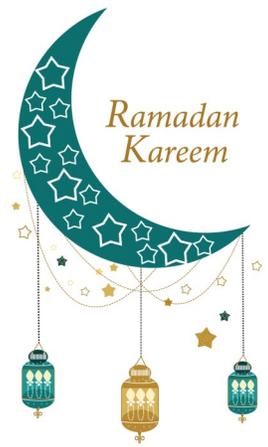
COVID symptoms can feel similar to common allergy symptoms, or just feeling “under the weather”. **Think Twice:** If you feel unwell in any way, talk to your supervisor and request a rapid test before starting your workday.

As a reminder, these are the most common symptoms of COVID-19, according to the CDC:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Dedicated Spaces for Prayers During Ramadan

Ramadan begins this week, and in observance, we have dedicated spaces at both GHA and GHBC where staff may go for prayers. The GHA Promenade Conference Room and GHBC Media Room are reserved daily from April 12 to May 11 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please help us keep these areas quiet, peaceful and uninterrupted. Ramadan Kareem!



Quarantine If You've Been Exposed to COVID-19

If you have been exposed to COVID-19—either at work or at home—we will ask you to quarantine for 14 days. This is the current guidance offered by our local health departments. We are continuing to monitor the latest research and guidance, and we will act accordingly. Right now, even if you are vaccinated, we are requiring staff to quarantine following exposure. If this requirement presents a financial hardship, please contact your director of human resources for assistance.

GHA contact Patricia Polvitz at 703.578.1080. GHBC contact Brittany DiScullo at 703.578.7204.

Screening Kiosks | Reducing Time at Check In

All staff should now be receiving daily text alerts with a link to answer the screening questions before you come in to work. When you follow the link and answer the questions, a QR code will be sent via text to your phone. You'll use this QR code at the screening kiosk when you check in. Doing this will help reduce the time you need to stand in line to sign in for your shift.

The text alerts usually come in shortly after midnight each day. If this is problematic, you can set your phone to silence the number used. If you need assistance with this process, please contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@goodwinhouse.org.

Note for GHA staff: Both screening kiosks are now located in the lobby to help reduce lines during shift changes. There are two screening kiosks in the lobby at GHBC as well.

Encourage Your Loved Ones to Get Vaccinated

More and more people are becoming eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Encourage your loved ones to get their vaccine as soon as possible. Having more people around you who are vaccinated will help to keep them healthy and also reduces the likelihood that you will contract COVID-19 and be required to quarantine and miss work. Also, the sooner a majority of the population receives the vaccine, the sooner society can safely re-open more fully.



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

