## Goodwin House Public Statement | May 26, 2022

## **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 May 26, 2022.

Although case numbers at GHA and GHBC have not reached the levels seen during the height of the Omicron surge, they have increased steadily in the last two weeks. In addition, regional positivity rates have increased significantly since the beginning of May. Alexandria has a 16.9% positivity rate and Fairfax County has a 17.8% positivity rate, and both areas now have high transmission levels.

Effective today, the IPP Team has responded to the increased health risks by reinstituting the requirement for all residents to wear masks in common areas on campus. We shared this information along with a quick-reference guide for resident and visitor protocols in a letter to residents today. We also are publishing a special Staff Update to ask all employees to redouble their precaution practices on and off our campuses to ensure the health and safety of residents and one another.

As we head into Memorial Day weekend with its gatherings and fun, we can all recommit to the safety practices that help to keep COVID-19 from spreading on our campuses and in our wider community. Please remember to:

- Wear a well-fitting mask that completely covers your nose and mouth when you are in public spaces.
- Practice social distancing, staying six feet from those not in your household.
- Frequently wash your hands.

We wish you a healthy, safe and happy Memorial Day, and share our gratitude to all those who have served our country.

Please reach out to us with any questions.

