



April 28, 2020

Dear family member,

We are definitely feeling things stabilizing, and improving, on both campuses and you can both feel it and see it. Staffing has leveled out at Jewish Home Assisted Living, again echoing the pattern we saw at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh. We have learned a lot as this has transpired and we are still learning. The knowledge we have gained has really helped everyone on the team to feel more confident and prepared. What has helped even more is the opportunity to celebrate elders being discharged from isolation, fully recovered. As of today, we have 12 active cases at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh and of those five are classified as recovering. We have also moved an additional six people out of our isolation units to regular units, fully recovered. At Jewish Home Assisted Living, we have 11 active cases, three of those are actively recovering and five people were discharged from isolation yesterday.

Every time an elder “graduates,” we gather, applaud, cheer and celebrate. Each graduating elder also receives a certificate as a “COVID Warrior.” These moments are so emotional for the elders and for all of us and they have truly helped to raise the spirits of everyone in the building. We’re also sharing those videos with families so they can share in the moment as well.

Some of the questions we have had recently concern the antibody testing that we are all reading about. You are likely reading the same things that we are, that this testing still has a significant margin for error and that it is not clear exactly what “immune” means. At this point, our medical staff agrees that the course of care is not impacted by this testing so we will continue to move forward as we have been while watching for details on this new testing.

We are continuing to provide virtual visits for our elders and family members and appreciate your patience as we try to get everyone scheduled. We are also taking that a step further and will be setting up areas on each campus where elders and families can see each other, albeit with glass in between them. At least this will be closer to a “real” visit. We will complete these plans by early next week and we will let you know both what the arrangements are and how to schedule a visit. Please note that whether you visit in this new arrangement, or are visiting at a window now, you must wear a face mask for the protection of our elders.

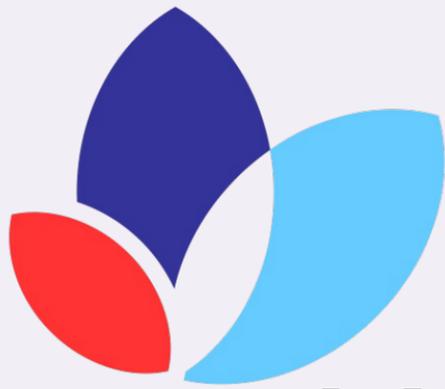
We are also working hard to increase the level of activity for our elders. We are connecting with many new programs, from concerts to exercise, through our internal closed circuit channel. We’ve had folks send us musical performances that we are happy to use and one of our board members even created a video tour of his garden that we were delighted to share. Want to send us something? Please email Ezra HaLevi at ehalevi@jewishhomefamily.org.

Be well and stay strong,

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