



May 22, 2020

Dear family member,

We continue to work our way through the mandatory COVID testing for all staff and elders. Just a reminder that the process, as determined by the New Jersey Department of Health, is not to test anyone who has previously tested positive and to test everyone else using the nasopharyngeal swab procedure. If the individual tests negative, a second test is performed within 3-7 days after the original test. After that, the protocol calls for everyone to be tested on a regular and ongoing basis, as often as weekly.

At this point, there are two elders at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh who initially tested negative, and on their second test, tested positive. We received those results within the last 24 hours. Both of them are asymptomatic as are all of the elders whose positive results we have received since this period of testing began. The first group that had tested and been found positive at JHR will be released from isolation by the middle of next week, again following the protocol. At Jewish Home Assisted Living we have five elders who have tested positive. All of them are asymptomatic as well and no one is exhibiting any COVID signs. They, too, are subject to a 10-day isolation period and all should be through that period within the next week or so.

We have finished both rounds of the initial testing of the elders and have completed the first round with all of the staff. Both buildings will be complete with staff testing before Monday and second round testing is already underway.

We know that you have many questions about all of this and, as has been the case since the beginning, we all have more questions than answers. We continue to focus on that which we know is important—infection control, proper use of PPE and ongoing cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting of all resident areas as well as public spaces.

Please be sure to take care of your own health as well. Despite the movement towards “re-opening,” which we all want to see happen, this virus continues to be an elusive and treacherous enemy.

We continue with virtual and “window visits” and are making a real effort to get elders outside as much as possible on these nice days, while respecting social distancing and practicing proper use of face masks. Recreation staff, on both campuses, are working hard to keep people engaged and involved even with the restrictions we continue to face.

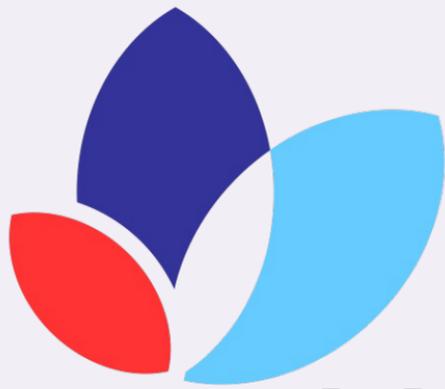
As always, we appreciate your support and understanding. Please feel to reach out with any questions.

Thank you and have a happy, healthy holiday weekend,

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