



June 4, 2020

Dear family member,

As part of our ongoing effort to keep you updated as much as possible, we want to share the results of our COVID testing to date. Our elders have had four full rounds of testing, two for the baseline and then two of the ongoing tests. As of this writing, we have had one positive test result this week with an elder at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh. All the other test results were negative. This elder had previously tested negative and the test was re-administered for verification. Those results are still outstanding. In the meantime, we have moved that individual into our isolation area for COVID patients.

Of our elders who previously tested positive, the last two at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh will be released from isolation tomorrow. We also have seven individuals at Rockleigh for subacute services, who came in with a positive COVID result. These individuals are in the COVID isolation hallway as we work to help them heal and recover. New admissions who tested negative are also being kept in a separate hallway for 14 days as we closely monitor them for any symptoms.

Results for our Jewish Home Assisted Living elders have not yet returned for the testing done this week and we will send out an additional update when we have that information. At this point, we do not have any elders at Assisted Living who are in isolation. All had either tested negative or have completed the isolation period following a positive result.

We have no staff on either campus who have tested positive at the present time and will continue our cycle of testing both elders and staff next week.

Our focus continues to be on enhancing quality of life for all of our elders. We are working hard to get people outdoors and run programs that are engaging and fun. We've had lots of outdoor exercise and lots of opportunities to help promote nutrition and hydration during those programs. Hallway activities continue on both campuses as well, with trivia and dancercise real favorites. We have also begun to do some hallway dining as well as to use the dining rooms for very limited numbers of people, appropriately socially distanced. We refer to this as "Project Normalize" and, like you, we recognize how important it is for us to help our elders regain a higher quality of life.

We continue to ask about visiting and, to date, we have not had any guidance from the Department of Health. We know that, in some other states, outdoor visits are being allowed. That is not the case in New Jersey. If you would like to reach out to your State representatives and to the Governor's office to ask them to open visiting, even with

controls and limits, feel free to do so. Perhaps more voices making this request will help to move it forward. In the meantime, window visits and virtual visits continue—we know they are no substitute for being with your loved one but this is not in our control.

Once again, we are maintaining our ongoing vigilance with PPE, infection control as well as cleaning and disinfecting. We hope that you are also keeping yourself safe and well and being cautious. Despite the re-openings that are taking place, this virus is still with us and we none of us can let down our guard.

Feel free to reach out with any questions. We will also have another Zoom meeting for families on Monday, June 8 at 11 am. Please join us by using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83877687277> (Click [here](#) to add to Google Calendar and [here](#) for others)

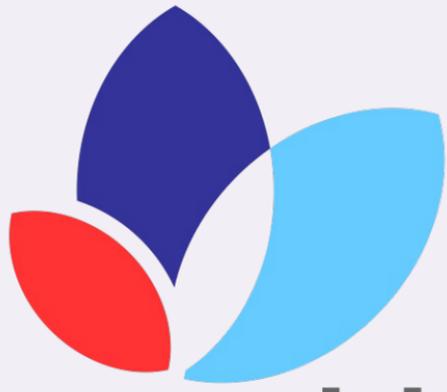
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