



June 11, 2020

Dear family member,

We are happy to make this a brief update today. As of June 10, 2020, we can report that the Jewish Home Family entities have no cases of COVID-19 anywhere on our campuses. As you know, we have been engaged in a full scale testing program since the second week in May. Testing has been mandated by the State for anyone, staff or elder, who has not previously tested positive. At this time, elders who previously tested negative have all been retested and again tested negative. And this week's staff testing, although the results are not yet fully in, has continued to have all negative results.

While this milestone has caused us all to take a deep breath, we also know that this situation is not over, that COVID remains to be a concern and we must stay constantly vigilant. We are continuing with health screenings of our elders and staff daily, continuing with the use of PPE and continuing with our focus on infection control as well as cleaning and disinfecting. We have also developed thorough plans as to how we would react and respond should there be any news of a second wave of this virus.

Our isolation areas at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh, which have been delineated by plastic floor to ceiling tarps, have been returned to their prior state but should we see any cases, we will immediately reinstate those isolation precautions. In the meantime, any new admission to either campus is required to have COVID testing prior to admission and a 14 day period of quarantine, and monitoring, following admission. We are open for admission on both campuses and we have been actively accepting admissions.

As was mentioned in last week's letter, we have been involved with our State association to develop a proposal on outdoor visiting for our residents. That recommendation was submitted on Monday of this week and we are hopeful that the Commissioner of Health will agree with this and put these measures into place. As soon as we hear anything, of course we will let you know. Virtual visits and window visits continue by appointment and we know that many of you are taking advantage of those opportunities.

Our "project normalize" also continues. Elders have been enjoying time on the patios on both campuses and, with appropriate social distancing, have been participating in some programs including exercise as well as discussion groups. We've had outdoor concerts and we look forward to doing more of those in the nice weather. We know that this isolation has been very difficult for our elders and for you as family members. We are trying our best to ease that for the elders and to help them feel more engaged.

Just a reminder that, as things re-open, it is important that you, too, remain careful in your own lives. Be sure to wear a face mask, wash your hands frequently and be vigilant about your own safety. We want you to be healthy too!

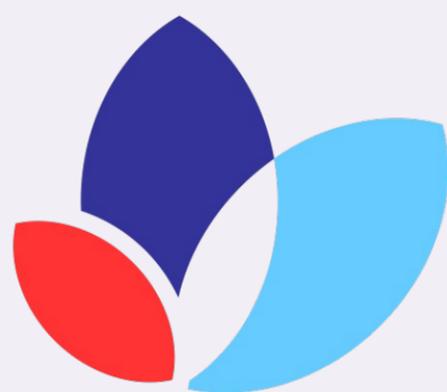
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