



*Advancing the Art of Living.*

July 30, 2020

Dear family member,

As you know, we continue to do ongoing testing for COVID-19. In this week's results we found that one member of our staff at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh tested positive. We have notified all of the elders and families on that unit and have also instituted our re-testing protocol which, as you may remember, consists of an additional test and, if that is negative, another test three days later. We have also instituted contact tracing as we do in each instance, making certain that we can identify every individual with whom this staff member came in contact. We do not believe that there is any need for alarm but we do want to continue to be transparent in our sharing of information as we work our way through these challenging times.

We continue to do outdoor visits with the elders and are delighted that so many families are spending time together. Please note that you must sign an informed consent agreement every time that you visit as well as respond to health questions. If you become ill following your visit, you must inform us, especially if you are tested for COVID. This is vital for the safety of our elders and we are relying on you to keep us informed in that circumstance.

Also, please remember that there are many families who would like to visit and be courteous about scheduling. Remember that there is an online scheduling system at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh which can be accessed through <https://www.jewishhomefamily.org/jhr/scheduler/>. Should you book more than two visits per week or multiple visits in one day, those additional visits will automatically be cancelled. At Jewish Home Assisted Living, you may book visits by emailing [jhalecards@jewishhomefamily.org](mailto:jhalecards@jewishhomefamily.org). Again, should weather be an issue with the visit schedule, we will reach out to you via email. In addition, there are no family visits scheduled for Wednesdays on the Rockleigh campus during the month of August. That's because we have a series of outdoor concerts and entertainment for the elders that will be taking place on the patio area that we use for visits. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

We have been very involved in advocacy for our older adults and the organizations that serve them. LeadingAge, our national association that represents more than 6000 senior care providers around the country, has really taken the lead in these lobbying efforts. Below is an action alert to support the Act for Older Adults that we are working hard to see succeed. If you would like to support this effort, please [click the link below](#) and send that message to our elected officials. It takes less than a minute but every voice makes a difference.

<https://mobilize4change.org/ahLGb2m>

As always, we continue our vigilance around infection control as well as cleaning and sanitizing. We remind our staff regularly to be careful in their personal lives as well and we encourage you to do the same. Wearing face masks, washing your hands, maintaining social distance—all those efforts make a difference.

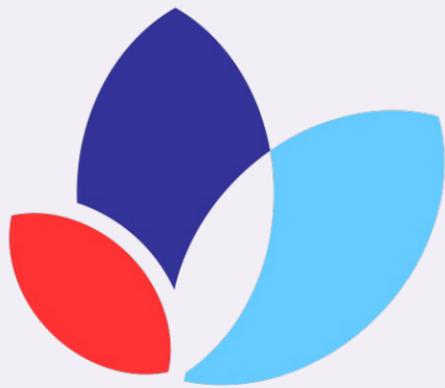
Be well,



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