



Advancing the Art of Living.

October 2, 2020

Dear Family Member,

We continue our testing regimen on both campuses. With the results so far this week, all tests have been negative although not all the results are complete. Today we began administering flu shots to our elders at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh. The flu vaccine has not yet arrived at Jewish Home Assisted Living so as soon as it does, those immunizations will take place. Flu shots are mandatory for all of our staff and we will administer those as we do the COVID testing next week on both campuses.

One of the terms you may be hearing is “infection control preventionist.” While we have had that role in our organization for a long time, it is now required to be a full time role with specific requirements for advanced education and training. We are happy to report that Maria Lerma, RN has stepped into that role. Maria has been with the Jewish Home at Rockleigh for nearly six years as a clinical nurse manager on the Rubin unit and we are excited to see her in this new role. She has already enrolled in, and begun, the additional coursework that has been developed for this role. We are in the process of identifying a new nurse manager for the Rubin unit.

We continue with outdoor visiting as the weather permits and both campuses have outdoor heaters to use on chillier days. We continue to receive applications from family members to become essential caregivers and have added many to our approved list. Essential caregivers have the ability to be in the building with their loved one for one two-hour visit each week. If you are interested in more details, and an application, please check under the COVID-19 tab on our website.

Our ongoing vigilance with infection control, use of PPE, handwashing and building cleaning and disinfecting continues. We also remind our staff to be careful in their personal lives, wearing facemasks in public, washing hands thoroughly and frequently, and maintaining social distancing. It does matter and we want all of them to stay well. We want you and your families to be well too so please don't let your guard down. This virus is still with us and we have to all be cautious.

On another note, our annual Jewish Home Family Gala will take place on Sunday, October 18 at 6 pm. We'll be saluting this year's honorees—the staff, the heroes of the Jewish Home Family and we will be premiering a film that has been made to tell our story during COVID. There is no cost and or obligation to attend and the program will

be brief but powerful. Registration is required and you may register at www.jewishhomefamily.org/celebratingourheroes.

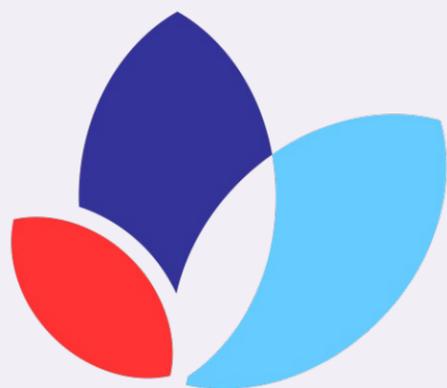
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