



*Advancing the Art of Living.*

October 9, 2020

Dear Family Member,

We hope that you and your family are all well and enjoying these first crisp days of autumn. While many of our elders like to see the leaves turning, we also know that this adds complexity to outdoor visiting. We do have commercial outdoor heaters on both campuses and are making sure that elders are dressed warmly on these brisker days. At the Jewish Home at Rockleigh we have also purchased some ponchos that we will use to help supplement jackets and sweaters for the elders as they go out for visits. These unisex garments will be used once, laundered and then returned to rotation so we have enough to use for the daily visits.

We have not seen any indication from the State that the restrictions on indoor visits will be lifted at this point. We are, however, receiving a number of applications for Essential Caregivers and do have a number of individuals who have been approved for that role. As you will recall, an Essential Caregiver, as defined by the State, is someone who has previously been involved in the elder's life and can assist them in some way. An approved Essential Caregiver can be with the elder for an indoor visit for two hours each week. We know that is far from enough but it is the option open to us right now. If you would like to apply, those [application forms](#) are available on our website [under the COVID-19 tab](#).

Our testing protocols continue with weekly testing of elders and staff. We hope to be able to stop testing elders and are waiting for the rest of this week's results to see where that stands. At this point, we are happy to report that all of the test results we have received have been negative.

Flu shots are also a vital element in our fight against COVID. The elders on the Rockleigh campus have all received their immunizations and we have vaccinated well over 200 of our staff. Jewish Home Assisted Living staff will receive their vaccines beginning next week and the "super flu" vaccine for the elders is expected on October 16. We have had a mandatory flu shot policy at the Jewish Home Family for several years and the State's requirements this year and is even more stringent than ours have been. We hope that you are getting your flu vaccine as well, it's even more important this year.

Voting is a topic on everyone's mind, including many of our elders. Our Recreation and

Social Work teams are making sure that every elder has an opportunity to vote if they so choose. There has also been clear guidance from the State to ensure that each person can exercise this important right. If you received a ballot for your loved one, please bring it in to the appropriate building and we will facilitate the process from there.

As always, we continue to be vigilant about the use of PPE, infection control procedures, hand washing and cleaning and sanitizing of our buildings. Please use care in your own life and be sure to practice social distancing, wear a face mask and, of course, thoroughly wash hands.

We hope that you will be joining us for our virtual Jewish Home Family Gala on October 18 at 6 pm. We'll be saluting our staff of heroes and premiering a new film. Here's a link you can use to register: <https://gala2020.jewishhomefamily.org/>

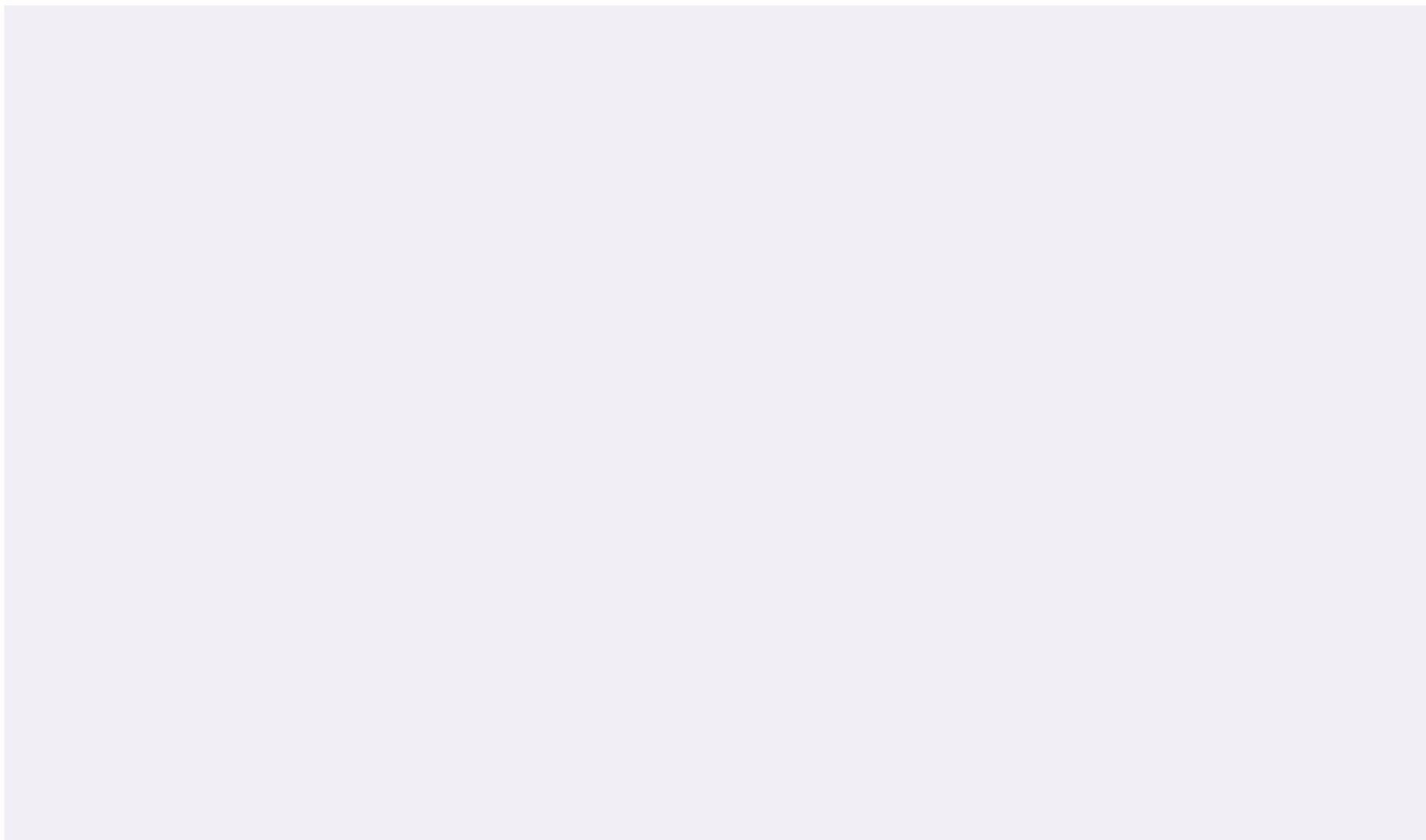
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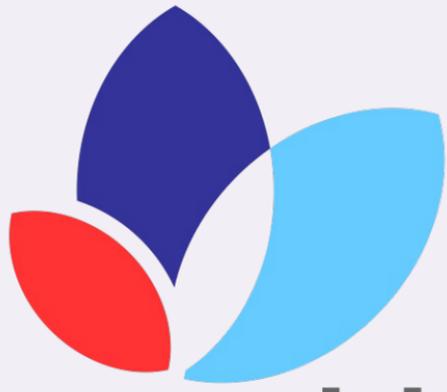


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