



Advancing the Art of Living.

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Dear Family Member,

It's been another rollercoaster week for us as we continue to battle the coronavirus. Earlier in the week we reported that a new Jewish Home Assisted Living staff member had tested positive. We are glad to report that all six elders, with whom this individual had contact, have tested negative. Unfortunately, we did have two more staff members at Jewish Home Assisted Living test positive this week. Both of them have been re-tested as per our protocol, both of them are asymptomatic and have had numerous previous negative tests. We have identified all the elders with whom these staff members had contact and all of the elders, and their families, have been notified. These elders (as were all the elders at Assisted Living) were tested this week and will be in isolation in their apartments pending follow up test results on those staff members.

We also were notified that a per diem staff member of the Jewish Home at Rockleigh tested positive this week. Contact tracing was completed and all of the elders who had contact with this individual have been notified, as have their families. As you know, we have admitted some elders from hospitals with a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. While none of these individuals are newly diagnosed, we are taking full and complete precautions. We have a cohort area that is specifically for these individuals and the staff who are working with these elders are only working in that area and not in any other part of the building.

We do not believe that there is cause for alarm but we are very aware that there is an increasing number of cases in our community. We have redoubled our efforts to ensure that we are following the most stringent protocols for infection control, use of PPE as well as cleaning and sanitizing. We continue to remind our staff of the importance of practicing good infection control and handwashing as well as to wear face masks and practice social distancing.

This has been a difficult week for outdoor visiting as the weather has not always been conducive. While we are all concerned about the changing weather conditions, we are also still subject to the Governor's restrictions on visiting. If you are interested in applying to become an Essential Caregiver, the application form is available on our website under the [COVID-19 tab](#). As well, all of our Family Letters are archived under that tab so if you have missed any previous letters, please feel free to access them through the website.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions.

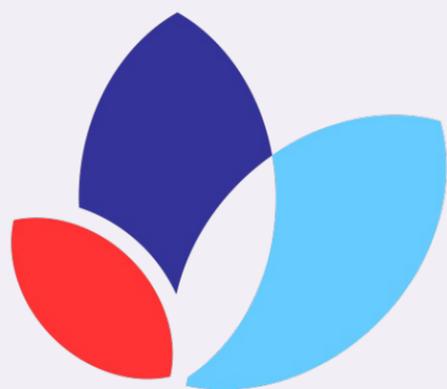
Be well,



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