



Advancing the Art of Living.

October 22, 2020

Dear Family Member,

Hope that this finds you well. We continue with our ongoing COVID testing of elders and staff on both campuses. To date, all of the results we have received this week have been negative. We do not have the complete results yet but we will communicate with you, as always, should we receive a positive test result.

We continue with outdoor and virtual visiting but we know that you are as concerned as we are about the weather changing. We've had a few days recently when we had to cancel visits because the weather was just not conducive. Even with outdoor heaters, tents and warm wraps for the elders, outdoors has its share of challenges and we are doing our best to make it work.

You have likely been reading that the State has issued guidance on indoor visiting. It's been in the works for weeks and was finally issued yesterday. There are many questions that have arisen from the 42 page document and there will be a call with the Department of Health next week to provide clarification. We have already submitted questions and look forward to being able to develop protocols to allow expanded visiting and will certainly let you know as we work through these changes. In the meantime, essential caregivers are still in place and you are welcome to apply for that role. An essential caregiver is a person who has previously been involved with an elder and can help meet the elder's needs in some way. The application form is [available on our website](#) under the COVID-19 tab along with more information.

We are nearly complete with our flu shots on both campuses. The elders have all received their immunizations and we are completing the immunizations for the staff. We hope that, this year especially, that you are also getting a flu shot. It does matter. We also continue our vigilance with infection control and handwashing as well as cleaning and disinfecting of all of our facilities. We urge you, as we urge our staff, to exercise caution in your personal lives. It is important to wear a facemask, practice social distancing and wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.

Last Sunday evening we held our virtual Gala and honored about our heroes, the staff of the Jewish Home Family, who helped us to weather the COVID storm. If you're interested, here's a link to program <https://youtu.be/u135p-8IHQo> and to the film that was made "Smiling Under Our Masks" to tell the story. We got many wonderful emails

and calls from family members and community members about the evening and hope you'll have a chance to see it as well.

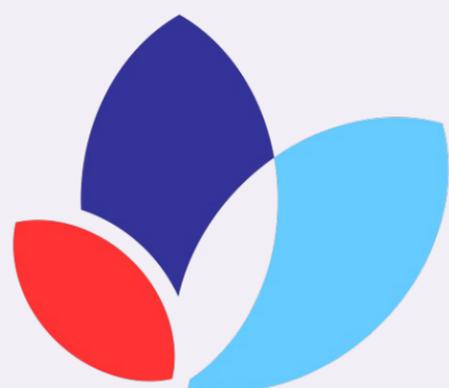
Be well,



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