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November 6, 2020

Dear Family Member,

We hope that this letter finds you and your families well. As you know, we continue our ongoing weekly testing of both elders and staff on both campuses. We are pleased to report that, with the bulk of our test results in from this week, all tests are negative. Of course we are carefully monitoring the outstanding tests and will notify you should something change.

We continue to focus on infection control on every level, using appropriate PPE, maintaining cleaning and sanitizing and constantly re-educating on the importance of handwashing. We, like you, are constantly monitoring the increasing number of cases both nationally and in New Jersey. We speak with our staff regularly about exercising caution in their personal lives and we urge you to do the same. It is particularly a concern with the upcoming holidays and while we know that everyone wants to be with their loved ones we also have to be very aware that the risks presented by this virus are great.

Some families have asked about taking their loved one home for Thanksgiving, something many of us are accustomed to doing. While this is something that you certainly can do, you must also be aware that the elder will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period on their return. This is purely for their safety and the safety of the other elders. We expect, therefore, that many people will not leave for Thanksgiving and the Recreation teams on both campuses are working on special programs to make the day a special one.

We will be putting videos together with Thanksgiving messages that we will play on each campus. If you would like to participate, email your video to [info@jewishhomefamily.org](mailto:info@jewishhomefamily.org) and indicate whether your loved one lives at JHR or JHAL. If you're having trouble emailing the file, [get in touch](#) and we can provide you with a number to send to via text/Whatsapp. Please have all videos to us by November 20th at the latest.

Outdoor visits are ongoing and they are, of course, much easier when the weather cooperates. We're hoping for a balmy Thanksgiving Day and are planning to have outdoor visits available on that day. For Essential Caregivers, please plan to book your visit as we may have to limit the number of Essential Caregiver visits that take place

that day. If you are not familiar with the Essential Caregiver designation, which was created through order of the Governor, you can find information and the [application](#) under the [COVID-19 tab](#) on our website.

We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we all continue to navigate these uncharted waters. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

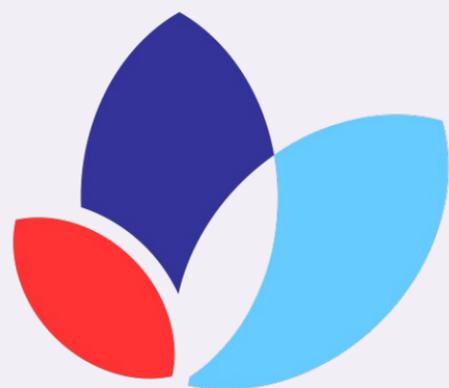
Be well,



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