



*Advancing the Art of Living.*

November 12, 2020

Dear Family Member,

As we all are well aware, the number of individuals being diagnosed with COVID-19 is growing daily, both nationally and in our area. This community spread is not only of concern for us but also has created a situation in which members of our staff are exposed and have tested positive for the virus. Yesterday we had one member of our team at Jewish Home Assisted Living who is positive for COVID and is experiencing symptoms. We have completed our contact tracing and tested every staff member who was in contact with this person. We have also re-tested all of our elders, both those who may have been exposed to this individual and all of the other elders in our building. Any elder, and their families, who was potentially exposed has been notified and these elders will be kept in quarantine for 14 days.

Our ongoing weekly testing continues and, at this writing, all of our test results (other than the individual mentioned above) have been negative. We do have a number of results outstanding and will make you aware should we receive any additional positive results.

We are continuing to educate our staff about infection control, appropriate use of PPE and the importance of exercising vigilance in their personal lives. We are all concerned about the upcoming holidays and are stressing the risks of holiday gatherings. We know that it is difficult to give up our holiday traditions but the safety of all of our elders, and our staff, is at risk and we are constantly reinforcing that message. We also continue to focus on cleaning and sanitizing our facilities to ensure that we are making our environment as safe as possible.

We continue with outdoor, virtual and Essential Caregiver visits on both campuses. Please remember that any elder who is in quarantine may not have outdoor or Essential Caregiver visits. Only those who have completed an [Essential Caregiver application](#) and been approved may have an indoor visit. Essential Caregiver approvals only apply to the individual who has applied and you may not bring any other family members with you. This restriction is part of the Governor's Executive Order and a requirement that we must follow. Please also remember that, if you have been exposed to anyone with COVID or don't feel well, please refrain from visiting. We know you want to see your loved one but you may be putting them, and others, at risk.

We urge you to take care in your own lives, wearing face masks, practicing social distancing and washing your hands often and thoroughly. We can all play a role in preventing the spread of this virus but it does take all of us to do that.

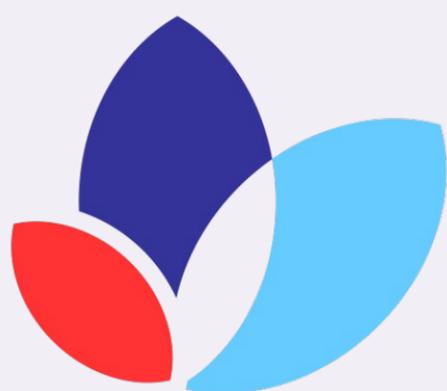
Be well,

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