



Advancing the Art of Living.

December 1, 2020

Dear Family Member,

We began our new testing regimen yesterday using the BINAX cards and will continue to do so for the next two weeks of the pilot program or until we use all of the test kits that we have. We tested all of our staff yesterday and completed testing for all of the elders on both campuses. As you may recall, we will be testing the staff every other day and the elders at least once a week. It is really an improvement to have results available within minutes rather than days and the process of testing is less invasive. We would prefer to continue in this way going forward, the only issue will be the challenge of obtaining supplies. These test kits are simply not available. We continue to work on obtaining more of these tests but only time will tell as to whether we can continue with this process or return to the previous PCR testing methodology.

As of today, we have 24 elders who have tested positive at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh. Of those 24, four are symptomatic, all of whom have mild to moderate symptoms. The rest are asymptomatic. We also had one elder at Jewish Home Assisted Living test positive. This individual had been out of the building and has been on quarantine since returning and does have mild symptoms. We have two staff members at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh who tested positive and no positive staff at Assisted Living.

This is clearly a challenging journey for all of us and this virus shows us, once again, how very contagious it is and how challenging to control. Our staff members in all resident care areas are in full PPE, including gowns, goggles or face shields and N95 masks and we are conducting ongoing training and education on infection control, proper use of PPE and handwashing. We have reviewed all of our protocols on cleaning and sanitizing as well. In addition, we have assigned teams of department heads to each unit at Rockleigh. They are extra eyes and ears on infection control and they are making rounds, using an infection control checklist, multiple times daily. The evening and night shifts have members of the nursing staff on each unit who have been designated "PPE champions" and they, too, are monitoring and reinforcing the proper use of PPE and infection control procedures.

We continue to revisit the issue of visiting on a daily basis. At this point, visiting remains limited to virtual and window visits. The only exception is compassionate care for end of life. We know that this is difficult and upsetting for both elders and families

and we appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding.

Please continue to practice care in your own lives, using facemasks, maintaining social distancing and doing thorough and frequent handwashing. We must all stay focused and vigilant.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

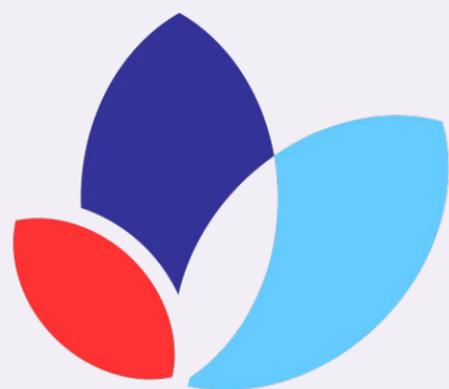
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