



Advancing the Art of Living.

December 4, 2020

Dear Family Member,

This was our first week of every other day testing for our staff at the Jewish Home Family. We also tested elders this week on both campuses. Just to give you a sense of the volume of that effort, at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh alone, that's more than 800 tests this week. It is quite an undertaking but one that we believe is important to do and to continue.

As of this writing, we have 12 active cases among our elders at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh. Of the 12, eight of them are asymptomatic and four have mild to moderate symptoms. We also have two staff members who tested positive from the Rockleigh team. At Jewish Home Assisted Living, we have one positive staff member and two elders who are positive. Both elders had already been in quarantine and were, therefore, not exposed to any other elders. In all cases, on both campuses, full contact tracing has been completed and elders and families notified.

On Thursday we were both surprised and excited to get some solid information about vaccines. Weeks ago we were required to choose a pharmacy provider (CVS or Walgreens) as our vaccine choice. We chose CVS for both campuses. They reached out to us yesterday and asked how many doses we would need for each campus, elders and staff. They indicated that we could see an immunization program on the Rockleigh campus during the week of Dec 14 or Dec 21.

Needless to say, that news was very welcome. We have little information other than that but we know that there will be a webinar early next week to give us more details. What we do know is that the CVS team will come in and do the entire vaccine administration. We believe that will be a single day and have been told that a second day, for the second dose, will follow exactly one month later.

We do not know which vaccine will be used nor do we have any specifics yet. Our Response Team met this morning and outlined those things we need to do to begin planning. That includes logistics for the immunization program, protocols for monitoring elders following vaccination and consent forms for both staff and elders. We will begin working with families on informed consent once we have the details. At the same time we will begin educating our staff and encouraging them to take the vaccine. We cannot mandate vaccination but we are hoping we can strongly promote.

We do want the Jewish Home Family to be the safest place you can be—for our elders, their families and our staff.

[Included with this letter is a fact sheet](#) that we received from AMDA, the association of medical directors ([click here to view](#)). It has some interesting information that you may find useful. Again, as we know more we will share it with you.

We continue to focus on cleaning and sanitizing along with proper use of PPE, infection control and handwashing. We constantly remind our staff to practice caution in their own lives and we hope that you do the same. While the vaccine news is exciting, we know that it is not the universal solution and that, even with the vaccine, we cannot let our guard down.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

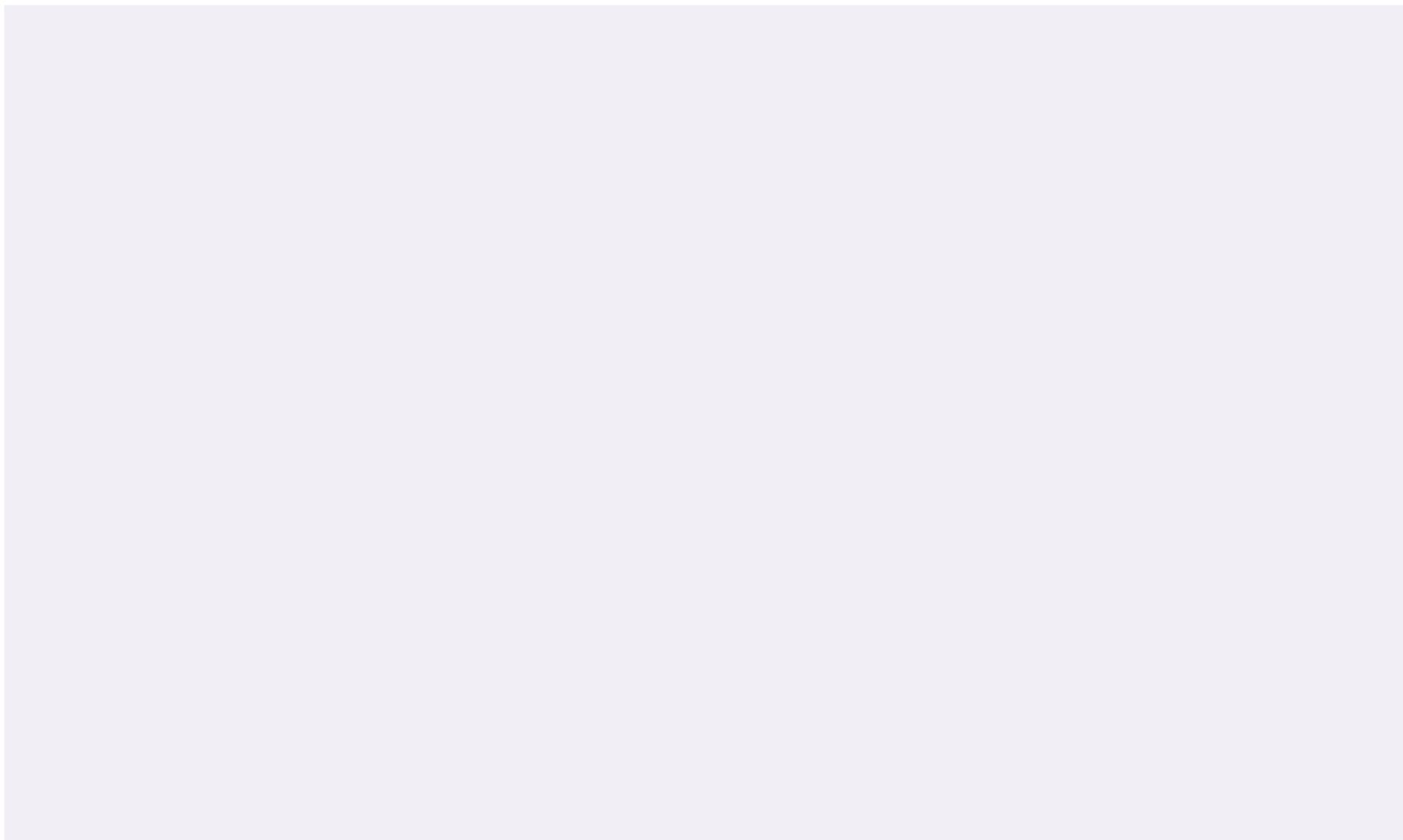
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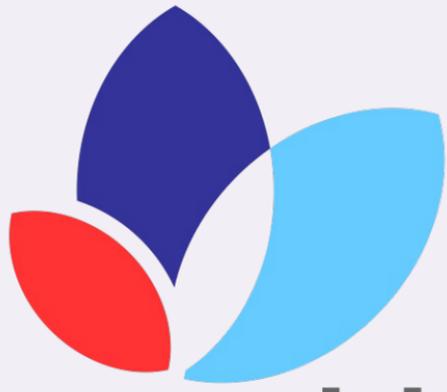


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