



Advancing the Art of Living.

December 15, 2020

Dear Family Member,

We continue to do ongoing testing every other day on both campuses. In our testing at Jewish Home Assisted Living, we had two additional staff members and one elder who tested positive. There is also one elder at Assisted Living who had previously tested positive, is asymptomatic and about to graduate from isolation. At the Jewish Home at Rockleigh, we had one additional elder test positive. We currently have six elders in-house who are positive, three of them are individuals we have admitted from the hospital. All of these individuals are recovering. In all cases of positive test results, contact tracing has been completed and both elders and families notified.

We know that you are all awaiting a date for the vaccine administration to begin. We are waiting as well. We still believe that we will see initial vaccinations at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh in December and that Jewish Home Assisted Living will follow shortly thereafter. As you know, we are working with CVS/Omnicare for the vaccine clinics and are waiting for them to provide the information. We will be receiving the consent forms in advance of the dates of the scheduled clinics and will be working with families, elders and staff to have these forms completed.

We'll be scheduling a Zoom meeting for families to discuss the vaccine and answer any questions. We'll make sure that meeting is recorded and available in the event that you cannot attend the live session. Our staff education also begins this week and we'll be meeting with our staff on all shifts to discuss the vaccine, answer any questions and strongly encourage them to take the vaccine when it becomes available.

Our hope is that as many elders as possible will take the vaccine. We hope that you will do the same when you have the opportunity to do so. While we know this is not the complete solution, we do believe that vaccinations will help each of us to stay well and to protect our elders, our loved ones and our community.

For those of you who are Essential Caregivers, some of you have asked whether you will be able to receive the vaccine when it is administered on our campuses. At this point the answer is no. We will be receiving vaccine for elders and paid staff and we are, in truth, not certain how many doses we will receive. We would certainly like to extend this further but this is not something we are able to do at this point in time. We appreciate your understanding.

Please continue to be vigilant with social distancing, use of face masks and hand washing. We continue to focus on those items as well as overall infection control and cleaning and sanitizing. There is light at the end of the tunnel—and it is getting closer.

Be well,



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