



*Advancing the Art of Living.*

December 28, 2020

Dear Family Member,

Those of us who were at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh today will never forget this day. It was a day when we watched months of COVID fatigue lift as people rolled up their sleeves, received the COVID vaccine and felt a true sense of hope. We all shared the feeling that this was the first day of a brighter future.

CVS arrived at 9 a.m. with a team of eight, two technicians and six pharmacists. They all had volunteered to be a part of the vaccination program in nursing homes. We had our paperwork completed (no small task to say the least), had figured out the flow for the staff vaccinations and had our residents organized by unit and room number. The lead pharmacist told us that this was the most organized site they had been to and they were all very appreciative.

By the end of the day, CVS had administered vaccinations to 180 members of our staff and 124 of our elders. We had no one report side effects. Nursing staff checked on each of the elders for 30 minutes after administration and our staff sat in Carl's Place, socially distanced, and were also observed by the Nursing team. All in all, the day went beautifully. We know that this is only the first step but we all feel safer today than we did this morning.

At the same time, we completed testing on the Rockleigh campus. All of our elders tested negative and, to this point with most of the staff tested, those results are all negative as well. Jewish Home Assisted Living will be testing tomorrow, both elders and staff. We still have not received a date for our JHAL vaccination clinic but continue to keep tabs on that with CVS. We know that the State has indicated that assisted livings will not be started until all of the nursing homes have had the first round of immunizations. Based on that, our best guess is that assisted living will be sometime in February but that is just a guess. As soon as we know, we will let you know.

Our goal is, as always, the health and wellbeing of our elders and our staff. Vaccination is vital but we know how important it is to continue with the appropriate use of PPE, handwashing and other infection control measures as well as cleaning and sanitizing. Staff are reminded to wear facemasks when in public and to maintain social distancing as well as practice proper handwashing. We remind you to do the same. It is not the time to let down our guard, not even for a moment.

During the dark days of the spring we wondered if this pandemic would ever end. We believe that vaccination can bring about that end. As we continue to have our staff and elders vaccinated, we hope that you will take advantage of any opportunity to do the same. Together we will stop this virus and as we said this morning at Rockleigh, together we will “kick COVID to the curb!”

As always, please feel free to reach out with questions.

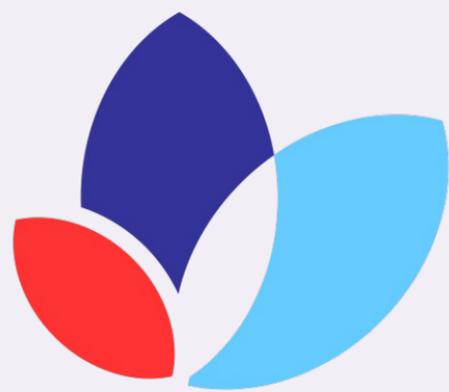
Be well,



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