



*Advancing the Art of Living.*

December 30, 2020

Dear Family Member,

We will all be relieved when we no longer have to update you on COVID at the Jewish Home Family. Unfortunately, that time has not yet come. In the testing at Jewish Home Assisted Living yesterday we identified two elders who tested positive for COVID-19. The rest of the staff and elders all tested negative. One of these elders is asymptomatic and the other is having some moderate symptoms. Both are in quarantine in their apartments and are being carefully monitored for any change in their medical condition. Contact tracing is underway and both the elders and their families have been notified.

We continue to reach out to CVS in an effort to secure a date for the first vaccine clinic at Jewish Home Assisted Living. Of course we all would like that date to be sooner rather than later. With respect to the Jewish Home at Rockleigh elders and staff who were vaccinated this week, everyone has experienced either minimal or no side effects, the most common being some arm soreness that lasted less than 24 hours. As you may remember, the second clinic on the Rockleigh campus is scheduled for Monday, January 18. Anyone who was at Rockleigh for short-term rehab and will be discharged by January 18 must return on that date for his or her second vaccine.

We have had many questions about opening additional visiting as vaccinations progress. At this time, we are only able to allow indoor visits for those who are Essential Caregivers. If you need more information on that role, or to fill out an application, you can find it on our website, [jewishhomefamily.org](http://jewishhomefamily.org), under the [COVID-19 tab](#). We are doing our best to accommodate virtual visits as well and appreciate your cooperation with scheduling of these visits.

Our focus continues to be on infection control, hand washing, appropriate use of PPE and cleaning and sanitizing. This is not the time for any of us to lose focus or vigilance. We hope that you, too, will continue to wear facemasks in public, practice thorough and frequent hand washing and maintain social distancing, especially through this holiday season. Vaccine offers us great hope and we look forward to a day when both this virus, and this difficult year, are just a memory.

We wish you and your family a 2021 filled with health and peace.

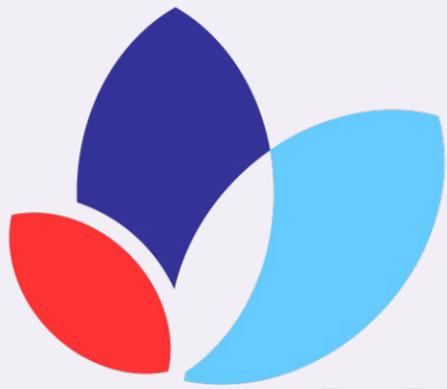
Be well,

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