



*Advancing the Art of Living.*

January 4, 2021

Dear Family Member,

As we begin the year, we look forward to a time when this “COVID time” is just memory. We are not there yet but the ability to receive the vaccine has certainly given us hope. We had our first vaccine clinic at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh on December 28 and our second is scheduled for Monday, January 18. We were just notified that the first clinic at Jewish Home Assisted Living will take place on Saturday, January 16. We have set our goal at vaccinating 100% of our staff and while we know that may be a stretch, it is our target. Vaccine is our only weapon in this fight and the only way we can protect ourselves, our elders, our colleagues, our families and our communities. We hope that you will soon have your opportunity as well and that you will choose to be vaccinated.

We do have some COVID positive elders at Jewish Home Assisted Living. There are seven active cases at this moment, with two scheduled to be released from COVID isolation this week. All staff who had previously tested positive have returned to work. As of this writing, testing of both staff and elders is underway. At the Jewish Home at Rockleigh, we had two staff over the weekend who tested positive. Contact tracing has been completed and all families notified. Today at Rockleigh we completed testing of all elders and staff and all results were negative.

We will be scheduling a family Zoom meeting for Jewish Home Assisted Living families to discuss the vaccine program and answer any questions. We have not yet received the informed consent forms from CVS but as soon as they arrive we will begin working with elders, family members and staff to have the forms completed. These forms must be done prior to the date of the vaccination clinic.

For the second round of vaccinations for the elders, if an informed consent was given for the initial vaccination that consent will stand unless you notify us otherwise. If your family member did not/does not receive their vaccine at the first clinic, they may receive the first dose at the second clinic and then the follow up dose at the third clinic. With respect to anyone who has had COVID, their vaccination is strongly encouraged as well. Anyone with active COVID must wait 14 days after cessation of symptoms prior to vaccination.

We continue to emphasize infection control, handwashing, proper use of PPE as well as

cleaning and disinfecting. We remind our staff to remain vigilant in their personal lives, to wear facemasks, practice social distancing and do frequent and thorough handwashing. Please do the same in your own life. This is not the time to let down our guard.

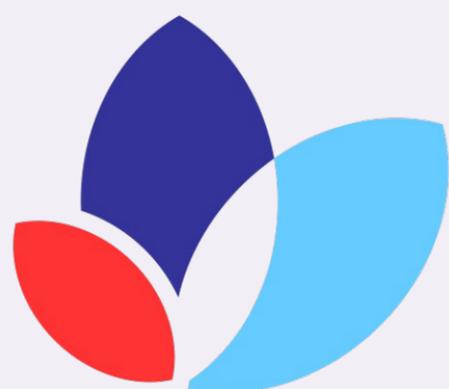
Be well,



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