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January 15, 2021

Dear Family Member,

We are deep into vaccine clinic preparations and very happy to be there. We have our first clinic at Jewish Home Assisted Living tomorrow and our second at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh on Monday. We have had a very good response from elders on both campuses and are working hard to push the percentage of staff up as high as we can get it. Rockleigh was at just under 60% of staff for the first clinic and our goal (although we would truly love to hit 100%) is to get over 70%.

One new development that is a real positive for family members who are Essential Caregivers is that we will be able to include them in the vaccination program. All Essential Caregivers, for both Jewish Home Assisted Living and the Jewish Home at Rockleigh, may receive their first dose of vaccine on Saturday, February 6 at Jewish Home Assisted Living and their second dose on Saturday, February 27 also at Jewish Home Assisted Living. They will be required to fill out consent forms in advance and return them to AL. We will be emailing you those forms as soon as they are available and they must be returned no later than Tuesday, February 2.

Once you are registered, you will be given further instructions as well as a time to come in for your vaccine. If the term Essential Caregiver is unfamiliar to you, please visit our website, [under the COVID-19 tab](#), to learn more about this State designated program. [Application forms are located there as well.](#)

We continued with our twice weekly testing protocol this week and are happy to report that all of our staff and elders, on both campuses, tested negative. This twice weekly protocol will continue for the foreseeable future. There may be some changes in protocols based on vaccination status but those changes will have to come from the New Jersey Department of Health.

Many of you have asked whether visiting will reopen more fully once elders and staff are vaccinated. The short answer is that we just don't know. We certainly hope so and believe that vaccination is key to allowing us to fully open our doors but those decisions are not in our hands. The Department of Health has created the restrictions and rules and they will be the ones to change them. Of course we will keep you fully informed when that happens.

Vaccine or not, our focus on infection control continues. Appropriate use of PPE,

handwashing, ongoing cleaning and sanitizing are all key elements to keeping our staff and elders safe. Please continue to exercise caution in your own lives by wearing facemasks, practicing social distancing and frequently and thoroughly washing your hands. We hope that everyone will soon have the opportunity to receive the vaccine and we urge you to do so when you have the chance. As we continue to say to our staff, this is the only weapon we have and the more people that are vaccinated, the safer all of us are and will continue to be.

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

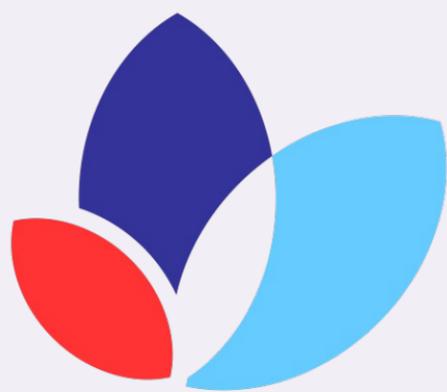
Be well,



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