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January 29, 2021

Dear Family Member,

As you know, we continue with twice weekly rapid testing on both campuses. Our Monday testing resulted in all negative results for both elders and staff. The testing on Thursday resulted in one positive result, an elder living at Jewish Home Assisted Living. All of the other test results were negative. As is our protocol, we re-tested the elder using a PCR test and are awaiting those results. Nonetheless, we have begun a process of contact tracing and the elder is in isolation and being cared for with full precautions.

Our vaccine clinic programs continue. We will have our second clinic at Home Assisted Living on Saturday, February 6 and we are looking forward to second vaccines for our elders and many of our staff as well as first vaccines for additional staff, some elders and a large number of essential caregivers. We know that this process has not been the most convenient for essential caregivers, requiring multiple trips to Jewish Home Assisted Living for both paperwork and testing, as well as the immunizations themselves, but everyone has truly been understanding and cooperative which we much appreciate.

Our third and final clinic at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh will take place on Monday, February 8. And our third clinic at Assisted Living will take place on Saturday, February 27. We have been told by the New Jersey Department of Health that it is unlikely that there will be other rounds of vaccine clinics scheduled in our settings. We are hearing that a retail pharmacy site program may be in the offing but we don't know that for certain. Our hope, of course, is that a single dose vaccine, that does not require special handling, will become available and that we will be able to administer it on an ongoing basis to new elders or staff. Like everyone else, all we can really do is wait and see.

As an organization, we have been gratified by the high levels of vaccine acceptance we have achieved among our staff. Our Rockleigh staff is more than 75% vaccinated and we believe that number will go up after some of them receive their vaccines at Assisted Living and others provide documentation of having received vaccine at another employer. At Jewish Home Assisted Living, we are over 65% following the first clinic and are pushing hard to get over 75% after the second clinic. We feel very positive about our results but are concerned about the news reports that there are low rates of vaccine acceptance in other health care and elder services settings. As we continue to

say, vaccine is the only weapon we have in this fight against COVID.

We know that vaccine is not the complete solution, much as we wish it was. We will continue to use PPE, emphasize handwashing and infection control and maintain our cleaning and sanitizing program. We remind staff to use caution in their personal lives including wearing facemasks, maintaining social distance and frequently and thoroughly washing their hands. Please do the same in your own lives. We all see light at the end of this long tunnel but until we reach the end, we cannot let down our guard.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

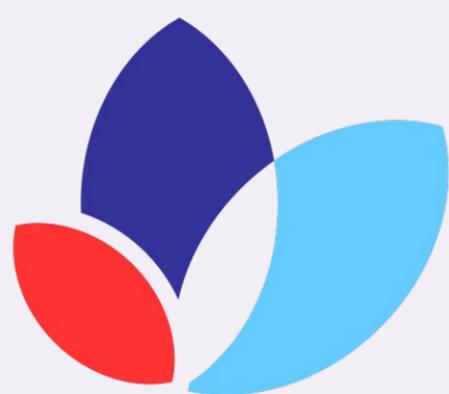
Be well,



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