



Advancing the Art of Living.

February 25, 2021

Dear Family Member,

We are pleased to tell you that the Jewish Home at Rockleigh is, as of today, out of outbreak status. That means that we have had more than 28 days without any positive test results for either elders or staff. That will allow us to sign the necessary attestations for the Department of Health to move us into a higher phase in the reopening schema. Jewish Home Assisted Living is in the process of finishing their outbreak and, if all tests this week and early next continue to generate negative results, they will also be out of outbreak status and ready to file the attestations. What does this mean? It does not change our practices at this point because of the high COVID positivity levels still present in our community but it will enable us to move forward more swiftly when the community levels of infection decrease. It also means that we can move to testing our elders only once a week although staff are still required to be tested twice weekly.

You may be reading that visiting is opening up in other states and in other parts of New Jersey. That is true. We are still at an “orange” level for COVID infection in our county and, in fact, in our whole area of the state and, therefore, this modification of visiting restriction does not yet apply. As the Essential Caregivers know, we continue to require a negative test result from the previous 72 hours even if someone has been vaccinated. This is being discussed with policy makers on a state level daily but it is still current practice. We thank all the visitors who have brought in their own COVID rapid test results. That is a great help to us. We have had some challenges with supply and shipping and bringing your own test results is much appreciated.

We will be holding our final vaccination clinic at Jewish Home Assisted Living on Saturday. There will be elders, staff and Essential Caregivers receiving their second doses for a total of about 140 people that day. We believe that there will be additional clinics available in the future through the retail pharmacy program but do not know yet if or when that might occur. We have also already asked our pharmacy providers if we would be able to receive the Johnson and Johnson vaccine when it is available. That vaccine only requires refrigeration and that would enable us to vaccinate any new elders or staff. It is, of course, not available yet but we wanted to be proactive.

We know that vaccine is not the complete answer. We continue to maintain our vigilance with infection control, handwashing, cleaning and sanitizing and wearing

appropriate PPE. We remind our staff to be cautious in their own lives and we remind you to do the same. Wearing facemasks, practicing social distancing and doing frequent and thorough handwashing are all keys to your health and the health of others.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

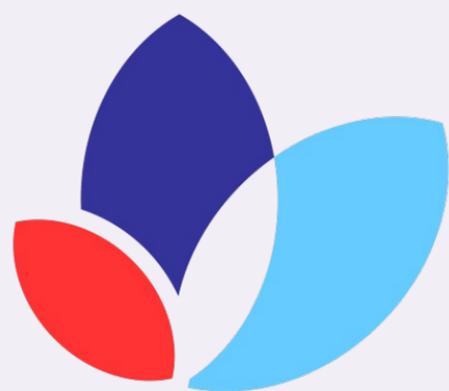
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