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Dear Family Member,

We are pleased to report that we have done COVID testing on all of our staff and elders this week and all results were negative. As you may recall, we test elders once weekly and test staff twice weekly, this frequency driven by the infection rate in our County.

Many of you are asking about visiting in relation to the new CMS guidelines. We have also had many questions about whether there will be any modification in the restrictions around the upcoming holidays. At this point, we are still waiting for the New Jersey Department of Health to take action on the guidelines. We had been told that we would have something last week, then this week and we have not received anything. As of yesterday afternoon we were told that there will be information shared on Wednesday of next week and a webinar with the Department of Health has been scheduled. Needless to say we have all registered for that session and you can expect to hear from us after that time. We do anticipate that there will be some relaxing of restrictions around visiting but until we see the actual changes, we really cannot speculate.

We have also gotten questions about vaccination, especially for those who are new admissions to either the Jewish Home at Rockleigh or Jewish Home Assisted Living. At this point, we have no information about additional clinics for our settings. The Department of Health has indicated that they plan to make the J&J vaccine available in hospitals so that they can administer it to patients prior to discharge but it does not appear that program is fully implemented. We have also asked, and continue to ask, if the J&J vaccine can be made available for our facilities. This vaccine is particularly appealing because of both the single dose administration and the fact that it does not have unique storage requirements. We think that this would be a real boon to both elders and new staff and we hope that the Department of Health will agree.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

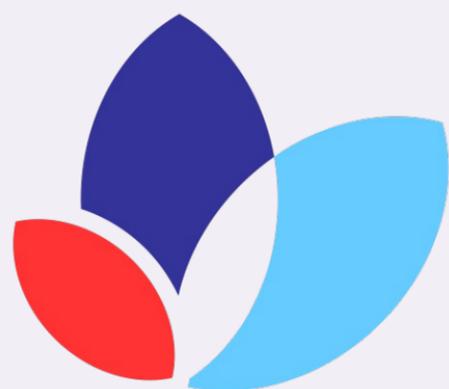
Be well,

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