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Dear Family and Friends of The Campus of The Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg,

Every day, we continue look for methods big and small to stave off COVID-19 from entering our Campus. Today, I share another note to alert you to additional changes in our protocols for the protection of residents and staff and to share some information and requests.

There have been several different recommendations about food deliveries and take out food. While we cannot control everything a staff person does outside of work, we can control what happens on our Campus. Not being able to account for the protocols each establishment employs, a decision was made to not allow the outside delivery of food to our buildings from retail establishments or the entry of takeout containers that staff bring to work. We are suggesting that staff bring their own food from home and we are preparing to provide broader opportunities for food on Campus through our café.

This will not preclude families from dropping off favorite dishes for residents. What we will require is that food be delivered in a container, such as glass or plastic, that can be wiped down before entering the facility and delivered to the resident. This will help provide the safest method of sharing food and treats with your loved one.

Frequently, families have inquired about providing food and treats for staff to show their appreciation for the challenges faced and sacrifices made by staff in caring for our residents. For now, the safest manner for recognizing staff would be to make a monetary gift to our Employee Fund. We will use those funds to provide free food to staff throughout the coming weeks and to have an appreciation party for staff when we can again purchase outside products. Checks can be directed to The Jewish Home and note "Employee Fund" in the memo line.

Finally, as things continue to change, we have been updating families through our emergency contact email list. If you have not previously done so, you can supply an email address to Jack Walker at jwalker@jhgh.org. By doing so, you will receive my updates in a timelier manner. You can also view previous letters on our website: www.jewishhomeharrisburg.org.

We appreciate your support as our staff continues to work diligently to protect our residents and staff.

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