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

Here is your weekly update related to The Campus and its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Campus continues to be what we call "COVID-neutral", meaning no confirmed cases among staff or residents. Staff have been very good about following protocols. The residents are mostly complying with the request to wear masks when out of their rooms and apartments.

A question has been asked several times about admissions and readmissions, given media portrayals of hospitals sending COVID positive residents to long term care facilities. Our policy has been and continues to be that an individual must test negative prior to leaving the hospital and will be required to stay in isolation for 72 hours upon arrival at our facility. This applies to both new admissions and readmissions.

The Campus continues to restrict people entering our buildings, as well as resident appointments outside of our buildings. Most of our physician visits are now being handled through telemedicine using iPads. As of today, we have notified our hospice providers of the same policy as we know many of them go in and out of many facilities. While not ideal, the priority is on preventing an asymptomatic COVID positive providers from entering.

We continue to monitor the state's decision making on wide-spread testing. While there is a strong push for long term care to be universally tested, there are challenges in doing so. As we are able to still report that we have no confirmed cases, The Campus will likely be brought into mandatory testing later facilities with confirmed or suspected cases.

While the restrictions continue, we know how much you want to visit your loved ones and we are working to both expand our capabilities for video visits and look at other possibilities for families to interact with residents. In the interim, we did have a group from the Jewish Community visit today and circle the building in vehicles with horns, signs and cheers for the residents and staff. Residents from both buildings were outside to be greeted and cheered by the passing vehicles. We will look to do that with families in the near future.

As always, if you have questions, feel free to reach out to me or either building Administrator. And, remember, our number one priority is the safety of residents and staff.

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