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

While well over half of the facilities in PA and several in our county deal with COVID positive cases, our Campus remains COVID-naïve, meaning we have no confirmed cases. We closely monitor symptoms in both residents and staff and have had numerous tests performed – all of which have been negative. We continue to screen and “quarantine” staff at home if symptoms indicate.

This morning, we had the fortunate opportunity to meet with a Medical Director from a facility that dealt with an outbreak in March. He shared many of their practices as they moved from many confirmed cases back to no confirmed cases in about one month’s time. He also shared several “I wish we had done this sooner” tips with our group. He was impressed with what we have in place!

As a result of the meeting with this doctor, and the research of our own taskforce and medical staff, we have implemented some additional strategies to keep residents and staff safe. Going forward, all outside appointments have been cancelled. Where needed, physicians are conducting exams and visits via our expanded use of telehealth technology. When emergency situations dictate, residents will be sent to the hospital ER.

The Campus continues to look at ways to ensure the safety of residents and staff, including isolating new admissions and residents returning from hospital stays as we observe them for symptoms. We are working to increase and maintain an adequate supply of personal protective equipment. Please encourage your resident family member to wear their masks when around other residents and staff!

We understand the frustration of not being able to visit and our staff is working hard to conduct as many Skype, Zoom and Facetime visits as possible to keep families connected. This was an area where The Campus was ahead of the curve, and we believe was instrumental in helping to prevent the virus from entering our buildings.

Your understanding, support and cooperation is appreciated as we work tirelessly to keep our residents and staff safe. We look forward to a reunion of hugs, tears of joy, and celebration in the future.

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