



June 19, 2020

Dear Friends and Family of The Jewish Home,

As of this writing, there are no known residents in the skilled nursing building who have tested positive for COVID. In addition to staff being screened upon arrival and at the end of each shift, residents are screened 3 times daily for any symptoms that would indicate a need for further testing.

With the recent positive tests in the personal care building, we have separated The Campus into three distinctive units – the personal care building, the skilled nursing building, and the kitchen. No staff travel between units with only very rare exceptions with senior management approval.

Yesterday, a group of four specialists in infection control from the US Public Health Services visited The Campus to review our protocols and precautions. This group works under authority of the US Surgeon General. They looked at our division of buildings and duties, our protocols for “zoning”, personal protective equipment, screening and testing, cleaning, hand sanitizing, etc. They were very impressed with full Campus-wide response to COVID from our first meeting through today. The group collectively said that The Campus was “doing an excellent job”. They were particularly impressed that our taskforce has been so proactive and meet so regularly to stay on top of changing conditions and new information, and that the taskforce includes several physicians. This group will return on Monday and Tuesday to perform fit testing of staff N95 masks as an extra precaution and will discuss a summary of their observations from today.

The Campus has been able to secure a contract and supplies to do the mass testing that the state has mandated for completion by July 24. This is scheduled to be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday, June 24 – 25. If you are a Power of Attorney for a resident and have not completed a testing consent form, please send that as soon as possible to ensure the testing is not delayed. Results of testing will be shared individually and collectively as soon as received.

Knowing the Governor has moved Dauphin County to the “green zone” publicly, please understand that the Department of Health continues to restrict visitation even in green. The Home continues to work hard to keep families and residents connected and will continue to schedule visits using Facetime and Zoom. We are working on additional ways you can connect with residents and we hope to have more information in the days ahead.

While the video conference has not been scheduled due to the extra work around separating the buildings and planning for testing, we will schedule that as soon as possible. We realize you have questions and concerns which may not be adequately explained in letters.

You are also encouraged to contact either Kristina Carlevale, Nursing Home Administrator, or me with questions.

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For the most up-to-date information regarding COVID, please visit the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to work to keep our residents and staff safe during this pandemic. Staff have appreciated the support and encouragement shown by families and others throughout the last several months.

Sincerely,

Allen

Allen Geckle, CEO



June 20, 2020

Dear Friends and Family of The Jewish Home,

I will again begin by saying that, as of this writing, there are no residents of the skilled nursing facility who have tested positive for COVID. Further, nursing home residents are screened three times daily for temps and symptoms, and there are no residents suspected based on symptoms.

This letter, following closely on the heels of the letter of June 19, is simply to alert you that we received notice today that a staff person in our housekeeping department tested COVID positive. Per the Housekeeping Supervisor, this person last worked on June 5.

Immediately upon notification, our Infection Preventionist, Lin Vickinovac, RN and our Director of Nursing, Chris Fuchs, RN began working with other staff and those of us on the COVID Taskforce to trace this staff member's exposure to the residents and staff. Based on this tracing effort, it is strongly felt that she contracted the virus during her time off since June 5. Again, she has not worked since June 5, and thus the facility is now beyond the time that symptomology would be expected in someone who contracted it from person-to-person contact.

Other than this, there is nothing new to report since the June 19 memo. I simply wanted to alert you in case you received news elsewhere. The team was on top of this immediately to identify potential risk to both residents and staff, and was confident that we are beyond any area of concern based on timeframe.

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