



June 26, 2020

Dear Friends and Family of The Jewish Home,

The Campus-wide testing of residents and staff was completed on Wednesday. Today, we received results. I am pleased to report that all residents of the skilled nursing facility tested negative. However, one member of the Nursing team did test positive meaning there have now been two positive tests among staff. Both team members have stopped working in the building.

Details of the previous employee were outlined in last week's letter. That staff member has not worked since early June. The new positive case was a CNA in our Guild unit. With the results of all residents and other staff testing negative, Nursing management began reviewing "contact tracing" for that aide. Nursing will maintain the protocols of screening residents three times daily, and additional testing of residents and staff will take place in accordance with state guidelines. Nursing and Administration will keep family members informed of the plans for additional testing.

We understand the anxiety that separation is creating for residents and their families. While we continue to comply with state mandated guidelines that restrict visitation, we are investigating options that will allow residents to see family soon. In the meantime, you are encouraged to continue to work with our Activities staff to coordinate virtual visits with your loved one.

As mentioned last week, The Campus was visited by the US Public Health Service Corps. This team reviewed our Campus policies and procedures related to COVID and observed staff in both buildings. They were very pleased with what we have in place and made a few additional recommendations based on observations. Their consensus was that The Campus is doing an outstanding job and stated that we were well ahead of many of the facilities they have visited.

With the state loosening some of the previous restrictions and allowing businesses to reopen, we have continuously reminded staff to be judicious in their behaviors outside of work. We are also providing cautions and guidelines to staff related to vacations to protect both residents and staff.

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>.

Staff in both buildings have been nothing short of heroic in their response to COVID and their willingness to come to work day-after-day amidst the uncertainty of this disease. Our taskforce continues to review new information and adjust protocols as necessary to keep both residents and staff during this pandemic.

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