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Dear Friends and Family of The Jewish Home,

This week's news brings no changes in our skilled nursing facility. Since the start of the pandemic, staff and residents have been tested as part of facility-wide testing and based on symptoms. To date, we have had two previously mentioned staff members who tested positive and both remain out of the building while recovering.

On Thursday, 7/16, all residents and staff are scheduled to be retested. Results of that testing will be shared as soon as received.

The PA Department of Health released guidance for nursing home reopening on June 28. There are three stages to reopening. Prior to each stage, the facility must complete universal testing to ensure that there are no positive cases for 14 days. With each round of negative testing, facilities can move to another stage. Each stage lowers restrictions for the facility. Controlled visitation is permitted only once the facility reaches stage three. In the interim, we continue to offer virtual visits and numerous families have visited through windows of the resident's room.

I am often asked what families can do to assist in this difficult time. As long term care fights for the resources and support needed to care for those we serve, you can help by adding your voice to our pleas to the government for additional support. Please go to www.LeadingAge.org/act and look over the Act for Older Adults. You can contact your legislator to request their support of the Act. There are five essential actions being asked of the government:

1. Immediate access to Personal Protective Equipment;
2. Access & Funding for Regular Testing of Residents and Staff;
3. Safety Amidst the Reopening of States;
4. Funding & Support for Providers Across the Continuum of Care; and
5. Recognition for Heroic Frontline Workers During the Pandemic.

Please support our call for these vital needs for government assistance.

These letters are intended to help in keeping you informed and up to date on developments at The Jewish Home. As needed, contact 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. Staff have appreciated the support and encouragement shown by families and others throughout the last several months.

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