



July 17, 2020

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 were retested. Results of that testing will be shared as soon as received. Our next Campus-wide testing will take place on Thursday, July 30. These tests are part of the requirement for reopening facilities to some form of visitation and allowing for some communal activities.

The PA Department of Health visited the skilled nursing home today as part of a state-wide inspection of nursing facilities' Infection Control practices. The inspector spent part of the day observing staff as well as reviewing our preparations and extensive documentation. The inspector commended The Campus on our protocols, documentation, and communication and said our work to this point was 'exemplary'!

As a reminder, you can help by adding your voice to our pleas to the government for additional support. Please go to [www.LeadingAge.org/act](http://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.

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.

Kristina Carlevale, NHA  
Allen Geckle, CEO

717.441.8504  
717.441.8556

[kcarlevale@jhgh.org](mailto:kcarlevale@jhgh.org)  
[ageckle@jhgh.org](mailto:ageckle@jhgh.org)

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.

*Allen*

Allen Geckle, CEO