



September 4, 2020

Dear Friends and Family of The Campus,

The Campus conducted a full round of testing on August 27 and 28. There were a handful of tests that were inconclusive and had to be re-administered. Those test results came back late this week. Over 400 tests were administered last week with no positive cases of COVID detected among staff or residents in either building!

To date, there have been six residents in the personal care home who have tested positive. Again, there are no current positive cases in the building. No resident of the skilled nursing home has tested positive since the start of the pandemic. Since March, six staff members have tested positive for COVID – three from the personal care home, two from the skilled nursing facility, and one from the kitchen. Four of the six have been medically cleared, and the other two remain out of the building.

Following the state and federal guidelines, this allows us to move to “Step One” of reopening. In Step One, residents will be able to participate in small group activities and will be able to move throughout the buildings a bit more.

- One: activities with five or fewer residents; limited communal dining if possible
- Two: activities with ten or fewer residents; limited communal dining; some non-essential outside services (Healthdrive, Hearsay, hospice, volunteers); outdoor visitations with restrictions (designated areas, no physical contact, social distancing, etc.)
- Three: large activities where social distancing can be observed; communal dining with proper distancing; non-essential outside services; indoor visitations with restrictions (designated areas of the buildings).

In the coming week, we will develop plans for the next round of Campus-wide testing. Another round of testing with no positives is required to move to each subsequent stage. A positive test will require us to move to the pre-Step One phase. Details on the plans for visitation will be provided as we enter Stages Two and Three. We realize residents and families are anxious to be able to visit. Our primary goal is to protect the well-being of our residents and staff. We hope to continue to have successful testing results to allow us to move forward.

Until we can invite family back for closer in-person visits, we continue to suggest virtual visits and “window visits” and our staff stands ready to help facilitate those interactions.

I want to commend our staff for their diligence in adhering to our protocols and policies. It is their efforts that have allowed us to successfully prevent the significant outbreaks that we have witnessed at many facilities.

Having dealt with COVID challenges for the last six months, we received good news in August. The Campus of the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg was recognized with the “Readers’ Choice” award by Harrisburg Magazine in the category of Senior Living Campus! This is an award that it voted on by consumers and well deserved by the staff in both buildings.

As always, if you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact me, Kristina (NHA) or Jasmine (PCHA).

Sincerely,

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