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Dear Family Member,

We have completed another week of testing for both elders and staff on both campuses of the Jewish Home Family. As we informed you earlier in the week, we had one employee at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh and one at Jewish Home Assisted Living who tested positive. We also had one consultant who provides services at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh who also tested positive. As of this writing, we have one more employee at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh who has tested positive. This individual works in an area with no resident contact at all so we have not had to do any additional testing of elders. Of the aforementioned individuals, one is symptomatic and was, therefore, not retested. The others, two employees and the consultant, have all been retested in keeping with our protocol.

We continue our vigilance with respect to infection control, handwashing, use of PPE and cleaning and sanitizing. We urge our staff to exercise caution in their personal lives and to practice social distancing, wear a facemask and continue with thorough and frequent handwashing. We continue to urge you to do the same. While everyone is tired of the restrictions and longs to “have my life back,” we must all continue to exercise care and remember that this virus is still with us.

Although there is no vaccine on the immediate horizon, the New Jersey Department of Health has been very active in preparing for the time when one becomes available. They have put together a prioritized schedule for vaccine administration and they have asked every facility to identify a pharmacy as provider. As you may know, both Walgreens and CVS will be both distribution and administration hubs so we were required to choose one with which to work and we have done so. Yesterday a number of us took part in a webinar from the Department of Health on this topic and many of our questions were answered—although there are a number of questions that will remain open until this vaccine is a reality.

Feel free to reach out with any questions. Please remember that there is also a lot of useful information on our website under the COVID-19 tab. You will not only find an archive of all of our family letters but can also review our outbreak response plan and access the application form to become an Essential Caregiver.

Thank you and be well,

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