COVID-19 Updates from Parker Jewish Institute

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

As we enter this religious time period, for the Holidays of Easter and Passover, we would normally be celebrating together, with Parker’s famous Easter Sunday Celebration and our Family Seders. This year, we must Facetime together and watch all Religious Services via streaming. During Easter, we will be streaming services from St. Patrick’s Cathedral and Passover, from Park Avenue Synagogue.

The Parker Jewish Institute continues to experience COVID cases, within the facility. We review daily and alter, as necessary, our Infection Control Protocols. As we rounded through the facility yesterday, the Parker Team was busy caring for the residents, one by one. The Parker Jewish Institute is encouraging all families to review their loved ones Advanced Directives Status. If you wish to update the Advanced Directives, for your loved one, please call our Family Call Center, at 718-289-2888. We have been advised that if a resident experiences a cardiac arrest, with no improvement from CPR, after “x” time frame, when emergency service personnel arrive at Parker, the individual will most likely not be transported to a local hospital. The Parker Jewish Institute firmly believes that Advanced Directives are a critical part of a residents day-to-day, end-of-life care.

On Tuesday, April 7, 2020, the Parker Jewish Institute had Reverend Joseph Scolaro (Notre Dame Parish) and Rabbi Michael Klaymen (Lake Success Jewish Center), join us at the front of the building. Both the Reverend and Rabbi gave an Easter Blessing, a Passover Blessing and most importantly, together, a blessing for everyone’s health/well-being. The Parker Jewish Institute hopes that as you celebrate Easter and/or Passover, with your families, you take a moment to remember our residents and the team, who are hard at work, caring for your love ones.

As always, we hope that you take a few minutes, to consider and do a financial contribution, to the Parker Jewish Institute Foundation. The Parker Jewish Institute has experienced unprecedented expenses, during this time period and any financial assistance, that you can provide us, would very much be appreciated.

Please stay safe.

Thank you,
The Parker Community