



Parker Jewish Institute
HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Dear Parker Family Members and Friends,

We hope that this note finds you and your family safe. As you are aware, COVID-19 infections continue to be significantly on the rise in New York State and we need to be more vigilant than ever. Parker remains committed to keeping your loved one safe. Parker will continue to follow state and federal guidelines for infection control, which includes **strictly** enforcing safety protocols.

Parker is staying in very close communication with local/state/federal health officials, to ensure we are taking all the appropriate safety measures. We are also following regulatory guidance to reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, such as:

- Enhanced infection control precautions
- Screening patients/residents and staff, for symptoms
- Continue restricting visitation and entry of people to the building
- Testing staff and residents for COVID-19 based on current protocols
- Eliminating communal activities
- Enforcing social distancing and other infection control precautions, as applicable and needed
- Reminding all team members of being mindful when not on shift in the facility to practice infection control
- Covid-19 + infections of any patient/resident and staff are communicated as it occurs and posted on our website: parkerinstitute.org
- Resident/patients who have a positive Covid-19 result, are moved to a dedicate unit and closely monitored for any health related changes.
- Staff who result in a Covid-19 positive result are removed from the schedule for 14 days and tested prior to starting back to ensure they are infection free

We also understand that connecting with family members is incredibly important to our residents. Family members are encouraged to connect with their loved ones through FaceTime, video chat, calling, texting, or scheduling a window visit.

We need your help in battling COVID-19. Please visit the CDC website (cdc.gov/coronavirus), to learn how you can help prevent the spread in our community. We are all encouraged by the potential availability of a safe and effective vaccine in the near future. Parker is optimistic that the most vulnerable population to this virus will benefit from receiving the vaccine and that we will be able to once again, resume activities, under an abundance of caution.

This is a difficult time for everyone. We will continue to provide you with updates. Please know that we are focused on ensuring that we determine to mitigate and reduce the spread of this insipidus virus. We know that you may have questions and we encourage you to contact our Family Call Center at 718-289-2888.

Respectfully,

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