



**Friday, January 22, 2021**

Dear Parker Family Members and Friends,

We hope that this note finds you and your family safe. We are writing to provide you with this important update, about the Parker Jewish Institute's innovative COVID-19 measures, that protect our residents and staff.

This month, in partnership with Walgreen's, Parker successfully administered to residents and staff the vital COVID-19 vaccine, developed by Pfizer, to help bolster immunity to the virus, at the Institute. Meanwhile, our on-site COVID-19 staff testing center allows for regular, seamless testing, with the ability to scale up based on the virus' positivity rate in the region. We also offer public testing, at the Parker At Your Door outdoor testing center. For more information and to make an appointment, [click here](#).

It is important to stay vigilant against the virus, whose positivity rate peaked nationwide after the holidays. This follows earlier upticks, according to the Journal of American Medicine Association. "Rates of COVID-19 among nursing home residents and staff members increased during June and July 2020, and again in November. Trends in reported COVID-19 cases among nursing home residents and staff members were similar to trends in incidence of COVID-19 in surrounding communities," JAMA reported on Friday, January 15, 2021.

Please take a moment to click on the link below to see what we are doing to ensure everyone's safety at Parker:



Yet our work doesn't stop here. While we have implemented these safety features, as seen in the video, to protect our residents and staff from COVID-19, we are always looking for new methods to keep our community safe for your loved ones now and well into the future.

As always, our clinical team is available to answer any questions you may have regarding your loved one. We will continue to provide updates as they become available. For more information, please call the Family Call Center at 718-289-2888.

Respectfully,

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