



Parker Jewish Institute
HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION

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Dear Parker Family Members and Friends,

As you may be aware, the regulators recently issued revisions to the regulatory guidance, regarding the resumption of visitation at Skilled Nursing Homes. This news has brought much needed hope to our families, residents/patients and staff, as we continue to navigate the ‘new normal’ that the pandemic has brought about for not only our state, but the entire world.

With that said, the regulations still require that a nursing home be in full compliance with numerous conditions before resuming limited visitation. One of these conditions is that the facility has no new onset of COVID-19 cases, among either residents or staff, during the prior 14 days. We know you are eager to see your loved one and we look forward to welcoming you back. Once we are eligible, we will update you immediately to immediately advise that we will be resuming in-person visits.

As you also may be aware, the virus is still prevalent in surrounding communities, outside of Parker. We continue to test our staff twice weekly, as has been mandated by our state regulators. We remain transparent in alerting you to any and all new infections, which by the way, are minimal in relation to the number of staff we test – to date, we have conducted 40,000 staff tests, since May, 2020.

Please know that we report all infections to you – as we have been doing consistently. It has been a long and arduous year – filled with tears, and most of all, an appreciation of life and team work in knowing there is value in all things big and small. Just being able to talk to someone or know someone is there when you can’t be. We long for the day too, that we can welcome our families back and bring smiles to everyone’s faces.

So, what does this all mean....it means that as regulations change or become revised, especially as it relates to rates of infection, within a community, we will keep you posted on any changes in visitation – however, as of yesterday, we have identified three staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are all asymptomatic. Staff members that test positive are required to quarantine at home for 14 days, and may return to work after a negative COVID-19 test result is received. Parker continues to monitor and test our residents/patients, screen our staff daily, as well as test our staff weekly.

Understanding that at this time, we continue to vaccinate our staff against the virus, we are optimistic that these asymptomatic infections will decrease, just like the community infections have been on the decline. The science of it all is not out yet – so time will tell.

We will all get there together – safely, and always with pride.

Sincerely yours,

The Parker Team