



Saturday, May 7, 2022

Dear Parker Family Members and Friends,

The Parker Jewish Institute continues to monitor the COVID-19 rates, within our local communities. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 positive cases continue to increase, in the New York City Metropolitan Area. Currently, Parker has less than ten COVID-19 positive residents, in the facility. As always, the Parker Jewish Institute maintains a robust infection control program. We are very thankful, as an organization, that so many community members, have made the decision to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Please note that COVID-19 Testing of visitors is **mandatory for all visitors, regardless of age**. All children must test, prior to entering the facility, and to enter **all visitors** must produce a negative result. Please give serious thought when bringing small children into the facility at this time.

We strongly suggest scheduling an [outdoor visit](#) in our lower level outdoor patio, and/or, scheduling a [virtual visit](#)., for the health of our residents, staff and for you/your family.

We remind you to **please be sure to follow these rules when visiting:**

- Wear a mask from when you enter our facility until you exit the building.
- Wash or sanitize your hands when you enter the building, often throughout your visit and again prior to leaving.
- Maintain social distancing at all times during your visit.
- Please refrain from visiting if you are not feeling well.
- Follow additional skilled nursing unit infection control protocols, when posted.

We strongly encourage all visitors to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and when eligible, boosted-- prior to visiting. To schedule a COVID-19 Test at our outdoor vaccination and testing center, please [click here](#).

In addition, the Parker Jewish Institute received the following message, from the New York City Health Commissioner, that we wanted to share with everyone:

NYC HEALTH COMMISSIONER DR. ASHWIN VASAN ON NYC ENTERING A NEW RISK ALERT LEVEL

“With COVID-19 cases rising, NYC has entered the Medium risk alert level. Cases have now surpassed a rate of 200 per 100,000 people in the five boroughs. As a practical matter, what this means for New Yorkers is that they must exercise even greater caution than they have the last few weeks. If you are at a higher risk for severe disease due to age, underlying health conditions or because you are unvaccinated, consider additional precautions such as avoiding crowded indoor gatherings. We continue to strongly recommend all New Yorkers wear a mask in public indoor settings. Get tested before and after any gatherings, and if you test positive, call your doctor or 212-COVID19 to get

evaluated for treatment. Vaccination and boosters are as critical as ever. If you're eligible for your booster, please, get the dose now. The coming weeks will be critical to slowing the spread of COVID-19 and getting back to a Low risk level so we can more safely enjoy our spring. And remember, the steps you take to protect yourself also protect others, especially those most vulnerable. As a city, we have the tools we need to beat back this virus. As New Yorkers, we are in this together. By incorporating these steps into our daily lives, we can continue to look out for one another and ourselves."

The Family Call Center remains available at, 718-289-2888, to support everyone's family.

Sincerely yours,

The Parker Team