



ChevrahKadisha

Sandringham Gardens Update

17th April 2020

Dear Residents and Family Members

I hope that you all enjoyed your somewhat “unusual” Pesach.

Further to our communication of 12th April, I would like to provide you with an update.

Our resident who tested positive for Corona Virus is still completely asymptomatic and healthy and in isolation at hospital.

Following that experience **we have now carried out a total of 76 tests on both staff (58) and residents (16), all of which have, thank G-d, been negative.** Despite the negative results, 16 residents have been kept in isolation at Sandringham Gardens as a precautionary measure and will remain there for a further seven days.

We are currently only sending residents to hospitals if absolutely necessary. As a precautionary measure those who have been in hospital will be kept in isolation for 14 days after their discharge.

In addition, the Chev is carrying out the following:

- We continue with daily screening of staff at every entrance - their temperatures are taken, they are questioned and checked for general good health
- We continue with ongoing staff training and monitoring
- We continue to maintain high infection control standards and have hired and trained additional cleaning staff to achieve this
- Cleaning is focussed intensively on common areas which may pose a higher risk – stair railings, light switches, elevator buttons, etc.
- We have identified a small group of high risk contact staff whose duties take them throughout the facilities, rather than being limited to a specific area. They will be tested on a weekly basis as precautionary measure
- Random testing will done on residents and staff for monitoring purposes
- We continue to stagger meals-times in the dining room, limiting numbers to three smaller sittings in order to encourage social distancing
- We allow residents to go outside into the gardens for brief periods
- Resident activities continue on a limited level in very small groups
- We distribute magazines, books, crossword puzzles etc. to keep residents occupied
- E-visiting continues – please contact 063 212 4193 to arrange
- Our social services team is being vigilant about which residents might be in need of additional emotional support and counselling at this time.

Please be assured that we are doing our utmost to protect our residents and staff by



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providing every possible medical safety measure while at the same time being attuned to their psycho-social needs. In addition to keeping them from harm, it is important that we promote a quality of life and a level of normalcy that is reassuring and encouraging to them.

My best wishes to you and yours

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Saul Tomson

Chief Executive Officer
Chevrah Kadisha Group

Should you have any concerns or questions please contact the relevant facility:

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Or, after hours, our emergency Helpline - 082 499 1010

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