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JHB Chevrah Kadisha Resident facilities update 28th May 2020

Dear Residents and Family Members

UPDATE - OUR PARENTS HOME

Once again, in an effort to keep you updated and informed, we wish to advise you of the latest corona-related developments in our residential facilities.

Part of our vigilant approach is to conduct regular random testing across all of our facilities. Yesterday alone we conducted 207 tests. As a result of those random tests **one staff member at Our Parents Home** tested positive for Covid-19. She was entirely asymptomatic. Every staff member on her shift is off-duty for the next 7 days and they will be tested before being permitted to return to work.

As from Pesach all of our staff across all facilities have been contained within their units and none are able to move or work between units or facilities. At the same time we also implemented contact tracing of all staff members on a daily basis and are therefore aware of every single resident that each staff member has recently been in contact with. Our first priority is to test all residents within the particular unit where the infected staff member works with a specific focus on those with whom she has been in contact.

The unit as well as other areas will be deep-cleaned and all escalated infection control protocols will be implemented. The dining room at **Our Parents Home** has been closed and meals will be delivered to the residents' rooms. Our social worker is on duty and providing support to our residents should any of them need it.

Once again we would like to reassure you of our ongoing dedication and commitment to vigilant protocols in caring for and protecting our residents as well as our staff. Daily extensive screening is carried out every day at all facilities when staff arrive at work. Their temperatures are taken, they are questioned and they are checked for symptoms. More recently, on the advice of our independent Medical Advisory Committee, we have been conducting additional screenings of both staff and residents during the day, everyday.

As an additional measure, in the past week we installed Sanitech decontamination tunnels at the entrances to our residential facilities which is intended to supplement all the other infection-control measures we take daily.

Our management team, led by Group Care Manager, Lijahne Beetge, Senior Medical Dr, Monique Price as well as our Nursing Managers and Covid Compliance Officer will be on site / on call and ensure effective and efficient management over the coming days.

We will continue to carefully monitor the situation at **Our Parents Home** but as Shavuot begins this evening it will not be possible to send out general updates over





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yomtov. Nevertheless should any family need to be advised of specific developments our staff will make contact. May we have good news to share.

Chag Sameach and Shabbat shalom

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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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