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Dear Families,

We continue to have no identified COVID-19 on campus. It is important for you to know that in the event COVID-19 is identified on our campus, we will quickly communicate that information to residents, families and the community.

It is now eight weeks since we initiated mandatory restrictions on access to the campus. We share your frustrations at not being able to visit the campus. And with Mother's Day approaching on Sunday, we realize that for many this is going to be an especially difficult weekend. We want you to know that we're planning a delicious Mother's Day lunch for River Garden residents and Coves members. The one thing missing will be the physical presence of loving family and friends. Trust me when I tell you that we feel your pain.

Last week River Garden Senior Services held its Annual Meeting through Zoom. Almost 100 members of the community attended as we elected board members for River Garden Senior Services and installed officers and board members of River Garden Hebrew Home, The River Garden Foundation and The Coves at River Garden. We welcome Dr. Larry Goldberg, newly installed President of River Garden Hebrew Home, and thank Susan Cohen for her service as board president for the last three years. All other board leaders remain unchanged: Gloria Einstein, President of River Garden Senior Services; Denny Lafer, President of The Coves at River Garden; and Sandy Zimmerman, President of The River Garden Foundation. The work of our system continues, even during these difficult and stressful times.

We remind family and friends that our guardhouse will accept packages throughout the day for delivery by our staff to Coves members and River Garden residents. The only restriction is that NO PERISHABLES are accepted at the guardhouse. Perishable items include prepared foods requiring refrigeration or heating for safe consumption. Please remember that Coves members have opportunity for weekly shopping through Publix. We remain deeply grateful to JCA staff who provide grocery shopping for Coves members and help with security and screening at our guardhouse.

All of us look forward to an easing of restrictions on our campus and the beginning of a return to a more normal environment. Until then, our actions will continue to be guided by those professionals best positioned to offer guidance and support for responsible practice. We remind everyone that our primary goal throughout this pandemic is the continued safety of everyone living and working on our campus.

Shabbat Shalom and Happy Mother's Day

  
Marty Goetz, CEO

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