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December 4, 2021

Dear Jeanne Jugan Community,

The RI Department of Health COVID 19 Field Team completed an evaluation of the Home to mitigate risk in controlling COVID 19 activity. Overall, the Field Officer reported that the Home has implemented a number of effective strategies to mitigate risk. Other recommendations include having only two persons on the elevator at one time and decreasing the number of Residents at a table if dining on the unit.

Despite the mitigation strategies, the Home continues to have increased activity among Residents and staff which has mostly been contained to one unit. Results from the laboratory are taking much longer than expected which is a barrier to mitigating the spread of the virus. For this reason, the clinical team is using rapid POC testing for surveillance in order to identify Residents and/or Staff early to isolate and offer treatment.

The Residents and Staff who are positive, either are asymptomatic or only showing mild symptoms. Since there is one case on the 4th floor and one staff member from the 2nd floor, the Home will have Residents stay on the units and communal dining and activities will be on hold.

Residents received the monoclonal antibody (MABS) infusions at the Home this past week. Infusions are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Our community continues to have a higher rate of cases than most counties in Rhode Island. We will be continuing to implement all surveillance and health prevention strategies with the guidance of the RI Department of Health.

Thank you for your patience. Visitation may continue. If you have any questions, please call us, and continue to keep us in your daily prayers!

Mother Patricia Metzgar



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