



Lester Senior Housing Community

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PRESIDENT
Brian Saltzman

Dear Residents and Family Members,

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/
PRESIDENT-ELECT**
Scott Loventhal

This update will include some repetitive information, however, it also has an update on current events at the facility.

VICE PRESIDENTS
David Brooks
April Sussman

Today we received our first positive Covid result out of 3 rounds of testing. It is an asymptomatic employee. We want to reassure each of you that the facility continues with stable operations, adequate staffing, and a sufficient supply of personal protective equipment. The facility has protocols in place to maintain proper infection control practices, and both staff and residents are following the measures recommended by the CDC. This includes but is not limited to: physical distancing, universal masking, health screenings, as well as frequent hand hygiene and/or use of an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

TREASURER
John Levy

ASSISTANT TREASURER
Saul Berkowitz

If you have traveled to or have been in contact with someone who has traveled to one of the hot spot States as posted by the State of NJ, please contact us prior to visiting so that we can discuss safe options for visitation.

SECRETARY
Abby Nagel

VISITATION UPDATE: The COVID -19 positivity rate in our region has increased to over the 10% threshold therefore, the resumption of indoor visitation is still prohibited. As you look for ways to connect with your loved one, we are offering some options.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Seth A. Leeb

- Telephone calls
- Virtual Visits can be scheduled (i.e., Video chats, face time, etc.).
- Outdoor visits
- We welcome you to drop off any food, desserts, etc. that we will bring to your loved one. Please be mindful of adhering to any dietary restrictions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Harold Colton-Max

MEMBER OF:

Please feel free to contact Keisha McDonald at 973-929-2731 if you would like to discuss scheduling a visit or Briana Canavan at 973-929-2723 to schedule a zoom, virtual visit, or phone call. We have noticed that the video chats have provided improved communication especially for our hearing and visually impaired residents.

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Services of North America

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Development Network of NJ

Leading Age/LeadingAge NJ

National Affordable Housing
Management Association/JAHMA

National Apartment Association/
NJ Apartment Association

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COVID Vaccination Information:

Approval from the FDA to distribute the COVID 19 vaccine nationwide has been received. CVS is the pharmacy that our facility has contracted with to vaccinate our staff and residents. We will keep you informed as we receive dates for our clinics. We do not expect anything to happen until at least mid-January. We will be sending out surveys, consents, as we progress in the process.

Resident Events:

We had many opportunities for our residents to get engaged in the Holiday Spirit. We had a Chanukah truck deliver hot Latkes and applesauce with music in the halls. Residents were able to enjoy privately in their rooms or socially distanced in the lounges. We had services of menorah lightings with prayer on each floor, distributing of gelt and many other pop-up and planned activities. It was a pleasure to see the twinkle in their eyes during the holiday season.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Wishing you all well. Stay healthy, remember to wear a mask, socially distance, and perform good hand hygiene.

Sincerely,
Anna

Anna Burke



The Jewish Community Housing Corporation of Metropolitan New Jersey is an affiliated agency of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ.

PROPERTIES: Jewish Federation Plaza, South Orange B'nai B'rith Federation House, Village Apartments of the Jewish Federation and the Lester Senior Housing Community, including: The Martin & Margaret Heller Independent Living Apartments, the Judith & Josh Weston Assisted Living Residence and the Aresty Family Pavilion.