

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The health and safety of our residents, visitors, and staff is our top priority. We are taking precautions to ensure our residents are safe as we try to maintain some sense of normalcy during this unpredictable time. Please refer to the following questions to learn more about how we are handling the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Are employees and residents being tested for COVID-19?

Yes. In accordance with the state's mandate, we are in the process of testing staff and residents. For the most recent information regarding our test results, please refer to our family updates on our website.

What are the current visitation options?

Fifteen-minute window visits can be scheduled by calling Lee Rutkowski at 570-344-6177 ext. 1175 or sending an email to lrutkowski@jhep.org. Pre-scheduling allows staff to have adequate time to clean and sanitize the area in between appointments. Any items brought to a resident must be held and sanitized by office staff, so delivery will be delayed.

When will normal visitation resume?

Our reopening plan is ever-changing as we continue to reevaluate as new information is released. Many external factors contribute to our process of reopening including government restrictions, both on the state and federal levels, staffing, and access to necessary supplies. As our plan moves forward, we will keep everyone updated. Until then, we appreciate your patience as we navigate this unpredictable climate.

Are new residents being admitted to the Jewish Home of Eastern PA?

Yes. Prior to being admitted, new residents are being tested for COVID-19 and are assigned a private room for 14 days so we can monitor their health conditions and ensure the wellbeing of all residents.

Are there still life enrichment activities occurring?

Yes! We still want to have fun and remain as social as possible, although our activities look a little different now. All activities occur in the resident's room or in the hallway, all while maintaining at least 6 feet between each resident. We use disposable items and practice hand hygiene during activities to make sure everyone can stay safe while having fun. To see what activities our residents can participate in, visit the activity calendar on our website.

Are residents required to adhere to social distancing guidelines during meal times?

Residents' meals are delivered to their room so we can avoid group gatherings. We want to make sure your loved one is getting the fuel they need to stay as active and healthy as possible.

Can we participate in care plan meetings?

Yes. We are conducting care plan meetings over the phone, as all non-essential visitation is prohibited.