Dear Community Member,

JCC Greater Boston is committed to our responsibility of keeping our community of members, guests, and staff safe. We are remaining vigilant with our protocols and measures to minimize the transmission of all infectious disease and are following the ongoing COVID-19 situation closely.

With the constant flow of information all around us — both fact-based and hearsay — rapidly evolving, we want to share more about our efforts to keep our community healthy and informed. As many schools, public, and private organizations in Massachusetts have done, we are following the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) recommendations and do not deviate from these guidelines. According to the latest information from these agencies the current risk to Massachusetts residents remains low.

Business as Usual with Extra Cleaning and Awareness

Though we have a response plan should the situation worsen, as of today our operations are proceeding as usual, with additional precautionary measures in place. For many people, especially children and families and isolated older adults, JCC Greater Boston is a place of community, socialization, and support; all building and program closures will be weighed seriously and with an awareness of and sensitivity to the most vulnerable among us.

We have posted throughout our facilities instructions on best hand washing practices. Thorough hand washing is one of the most impactful ways everybody can aid in our public health. In addition, we will be installing new hand sanitizer stations over the next week.

Our cleaning personnel and staff are clear on procedures for cleaning and disinfecting our facilities. In addition, staff are cleaning and disinfecting the equipment in the George Schultz Fitness Center and the Winn Family &
Wellness Wings at the Leventhal-Sidman JCC, at our four early learning sites, as well as all high-use surfaces and equipment/supplies throughout our facilities.

**Continued Vigilance and Transparent Communication**

We continue to monitor the situation through our contacts and resources at the CDC and MDPH, as well as local public health agencies as appropriate. We will continue to communicate as the situation evolves throughout our community.

We maintain our commitment and diligent efforts to mitigate exposure to and transmission of any and all infectious diseases within our community, including but not limited to influenza, norovirus, COVID-19, and the common cold.

**Travel Impacts and Recommendations**

On March 4, 2020, the CDC issued an updated Travel Health Alert for all United States residents that instructs all travelers returning from countries with a Level 3 alert to stay home and monitor their health for 14 days after returning to the US as well as avoid any non-essential travel to Level 3 countries.

In addition, CDC guidance recommends travelers from countries with a Level 2 alert to monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States.

As of today the countries categorized as Level 3 and Level 2 are:

**Level 3**

China

Iran

Italy

South Korea

**Level 2**

Japan

This list may change and we are monitoring those potential changes closely, and making decisions around access to our sites accordingly. We will keep our community informed as this evolves.
Our Shared Roles in our Community’s Health

We ask that everybody be mindful of our whole community and shared responsibility to one another.

Please follow these CDC recommendations:

- practice good hand washing techniques
- cover your mouth and nose when coughing/sneezing
- properly dispose of used tissue in designated trash cans
- please stay home if you or your close family members are sick

JCC Greater Boston staff are ready to field any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. Thank you for your efforts to keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

Mark Sokoll
President/CEO