Dear Friends,

It has been a very trying week and JewishColumbus wants you to know that we are working hard on your behalf. We will continue to provide the most up-to-date information possible.

The heads of each Jewish Agency and the President of the Columbus Board of Rabbis have been communicating daily in order to discuss new concerns and our response. This coordinated approach will keep our community strong.

During this uncertain time, I want you to know that our institutions and Synagogues are all looking out for you. I also want to publicly thank them for their leadership and partnership.

We know that the closure of schools and reduced hours for employees are financially affecting families, which is why we want to hear from you if you are concerned that this may be your situation.

If you feel comfortable, please let us know how we can help by emailing me at joel@jewishcolumbus.org or Karen Mozenter, CEO Jewish Family Services at kmozenter@jfscolumbus.org

We have provided a COVID-19 Update page on our website that has a list of every agency, school and congregation and their current status.

Additionally, I wanted to make you aware that Epstein Memorial Chapel will just be conducting grave side services and only immediate family members may attend. The services can be streamed live at the family’s request. If you require a Minyan at grave side please contact your Rabbi for details.

May this Shabbat bring us all some rest.

Shabbat Shalom,

Joel Marcovitch  
CEO, JewishColumbus