

Good afternoon to our Residents' Family Members.

We want to keep you informed as we move through the days of the Pandemic that affects all of us so closely.

We completed the second set of tests for residents in the nursing home this week. While we have most of the results back, some results for tests taken later in the week, are still pending. We were notified this morning that two residents in the nursing home, who tested negative last week, have now tested positive. The resident who tested positive last week has subsequently tested negative twice. We have taken all the necessary precautions to mitigate any possible spread of the virus throughout the facility. As recommended by the CDC and the PA Department of Health, we have established cohort zones throughout the nursing home: "Red" zone – resident(s) tested positive for Covid, Yellow Zone residents tested negative, but potentially exposed. Green Zone residents tested negative and thought to be unexposed. Zones remain in effect for specified lengths of time, with directed infection control procedures in place. We continue to monitor all residents for symptoms more than once each day.

Since the residents and staff in Our Lady of the Alleghenies are separated from the nursing home residents and staff, the residents in Our Lady of the Alleghenies were tested once, with test results negative and do not need to be tested again at this time. Their zone is Green.

All staff members were tested this week. Tests results are pending. The labs that are processing tests have been inundated with tests from many places. It is taking longer than desired to receive the results. All staff will be tested a second time next week.

We are sorry that we cannot schedule window visits for any residents at this time. Those who are able can schedule virtual visits by contacting the activities department for the nursing home or Linda Sell/Denise Becker for residents in Our Lady of the Alleghenies.

We remain committed to your loved ones and to doing all we can to prevent any spread. Our staff members are absolute HEROs for all they are doing to keep our residents safe, well cared for, engaged and as content as possible under these circumstances. We appreciate your understanding, prayers and support. Please let us know if you have concerns that we can address. Please take the necessary precautions when you are in the community to wear a mask, socially distance, and use proper and frequent hand hygiene. The spread throughout our region is evident and throughout our country it is alarming.

God Bless you and your families. Be Safe!