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Good morning everyone! We continue to be blessed to say that we have no confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 in our facility. Actually, despite what you may hear in the media, ALL Blair County Nursing Homes have no cases of COVID-19. This is quite an accomplishment for our county. Blair County Nursing Homes have been commended by our local Emergency Management Organization for our staunch efforts to keep our residents and staff safe from this dangerous virus.

We cannot thank our families enough for your support and understanding during these most challenging times. Please keep in mind these restrictions are not OUR rules. These are the directives we must follow which have been issued by the regulatory agencies who license our facility.

As you may have heard, the Governor has now ordered that all nursing home residents and staff must be tested before July 24th. Our directive from The Department of Health and the Governor is that we must continue to allow NO VISITORS at this time. We anticipate that sometime after July 24<sup>th</sup>, once testing is complete, we will receive guidance on reopening guidelines.

In the meantime, we must remain vigilant and follow all protocols and mandates that have been put into place to keep our residents and staff safe and move this process along as safely and quickly as possible. We are so thankful for the warm weather and sunshine as that is allowing our residents to get outside on the front porch and courtyard areas.

Just a few reminders:

- We will permit for NON-Perishable personal resident items to be dropped off at the facility in the white tent located at the Garvey Manor loading dock.
- Only ONE delivery per resident per DAY please and items must be delivered in a plastic, sealed bag marked with the residents first and last name on the outside of the bag. Please also include the name of the person delivering the item so if we have questions we know who to contact about the delivery.
- We will not have residents out front if a window visit is scheduled. If you are on campus to drop off items PLEASE DO NOT interact with residents who are outside.
- To schedule a window visit you will need to call ahead to schedule these visits. For Nursing residents please contact our activities department at 814-695-5571 and for Our Lady of the Alleghenies please call 814-695-5571 and ask for Michelle Bookhammer. Here is how the visit works:
  - You will need to bring a cellular phone with you. A staff member will bring your loved one to the window in the lobby at the time of your visit. There will be a phone number posted on the lobby window where your loved one will be seated that you will call. The staff member will help them to answer the phone we have provided by the window. You will then be able to see and talk with your loved one "Through the Looking Glass".
  - For infection control PLEASE do not touch the windows. It is very imperative that you do not touch the windows and do not sit in the chairs. If you need to sit during the visit please bring your own chair. Every time you touch something it must be disinfected. We want to make the most of our supplies and use them as wisely as possible. The disinfectant we have is vital to maintaining the diligence our staff has in keeping

surfaces inside our facility disinfected. The more disinfectant we have to use on outside surfaces the less we have to keep the entire inside of the facility disinfected.

God Bless and stay safe.