

January 26, 2021

To families of our residents at Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies:

Two months since the holiday season started at Thanksgiving and finally I am pleased to report we see a little lessening of the effects of holiday exposure outbreak. This has been a very trying and distressing time for us, for you and for your loved ones here at Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies.

This week's update is:

- Residents throughout the facility were tested Monday, Jan. 25th - one resident on the D-2 unit tested positive, with no symptoms. Only a few residents remain in isolation with active Covid.
- Unfortunately, one resident left our caring hands and went home to the Lord.
- Staff testing this week will be irregularly scheduled due to today's weather concerns. Thus far two staff members tested positive – neither have any symptoms. No other staff members are off duty with active Covid -19 and only one is quarantined at home due to exposure to the virus.

On Jan. 23rd and 24th we had representatives from CVS Pharmacy on site to administer the Covid Vaccine to residents and staff. Some received their second vaccine, some their first. To date 88% of all residents and 46% of all staff have received vaccines. Our third vaccine clinic dates are scheduled for February 13th and 14th. Again, some will receive their first vaccine, others their second.

A bit of cautious good news is that the Blair County positivity rate dropped last week to 9.7%. This is the lowest it has been for over two months. IF and WHEN the County positivity rate stays below 10% for two consecutive weeks AND we do not have active cases of Covid in the facility, we may be able to offer face –to– face visits to families as we were able to have in the past. The County positivity rate is announced by the State every week on Friday. It is available to the public on the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Website. We will keep you informed as to when we can begin face-to-face visits.

At this time, window visits can be scheduled for most residents and any resident can have virtual visits scheduled. Please ask about window visits when you call to schedule your visits.

We remain cautious and vigilant, but we are more hopeful that the spread we experienced has subsided. Please continue to pray with us and for us. We hope that trend is that we are headed in the right direction.

When the Covid Vaccine is available to the public, we hope you will consider receiving it. In the meantime, STAY SAFE: **MASK- KEEP SOCIALLY DISTANCED-FREQUENTLY WASH HANDS!!** God bless you every day.

Sr. Joachim Anne, Administrator