

February 1, 2021

To the Families of our residents,

You all probably woke up to the sight of a winter wonderland this morning which, as we know, is pretty to look at but a nightmare to travel through. God bless our dedicated staff, who get to work despite any weather condition, and to our diligent Maintenance staff who keep our parking lots and driveway clearer than any roads or lots in Blair County!! If you must go out, I hope you are safe in your travels.

Covid-19 related update:

- I am sorry that I have to report that two additional residents in our nursing home on the E wings tested positive for Covid-19 in the weekly testing conducted yesterday. This gives us a total of three residents in RED zones as of now. All other residents in the nursing home tested negative.
- The residents in Our Lady of the Alleghenies remain in a GREEN zone status.
- Staff testing will be conducted again twice this week with the first test being done tomorrow. I hope and pray that I do not have to report any positive test results to you from this testing or the one to be held later in the week. At this time we have only one staff person out in quarantine with active Covid-19.
- We were informed that the next Covid vaccine clinic, conducted by CVS Pharmacy will be held on February 13, at which time vaccines will be given only to those who are to receive their second vaccine. NO vaccines will be given to those requesting their first vaccine. We are trying to work out a plan for residents and who have not received the first vaccine yet due to various circumstances. The CVS Pharmacy controls the vaccine and its administration as designated by the Department of Health. If your loved one is in this category, we will be in touch with you directly once we can establish a plan to have the vaccine administered to those who want it going forward.

We in Pennsylvania look forward to Punxsutawney Phil's Groundhog Day prediction tomorrow. Given the weather we are having, I think he will hunker down in his den for another 6 weeks of cozy sleep! Sometimes I think that sounds like a good plan myself, given the past year that we have had.

God Bless you and, as always, STAY SAFE.

Sister Joachim Anne, Administrator