

March 4, 2021

To Family Members of Residents of Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies,

March came in like a lamb and we hope it stays that way! We are so pleased that things are relatively quiet here. Our weekly Covid testing of staff, conducted March 2, resulted in all negative tests. Select testing of residents resulted in all negative tests. No resident or staff member is Covid positive at this time. Though it is difficult for newly admitted residents or those returning from the hospital, they must be in quarantine 10-14 days to assure we do not have any potential Covid exposure. This is required whether or not the resident has been vaccinated. We continue to monitor directives from the PA Department of Health and Federal CDC and CMS and to be vigilant in all infection control measures.

As I told you last week, we are now able to have limited visiting for residents and families. We were so happy to see so many of you this past week and we look forward to welcoming others in the weeks to come - - as long as we stay Covid free and the County positivity rate stays low! In order to assure that the visits are as pleasant as possible, we made some changes from the way we did visits last summer and fall, making visits more pleasant and private:

- We established two – three visiting sites in the ‘neutral’ zone (front lobby) for nursing home residents and one site for Our Lady of the Alleghenies.
- Visiting times are established to allow for staff to be present to screen visitors, bring residents to the visit site, monitor the visits (as required), return residents back to their units and sanitize visit sites after each visit.
- We also do many virtual visits daily in resident rooms. Occasionally we have window “hut” visits. All of these take staff time. In addition we now have small group activities with residents – they love those as a time to engage with others! Staff are present to meet these direct resident needs.
- Each visit must be prescheduled via a phone call to Garvey Manor or OLAR. Time slots are filled on a first come, first served basis. Visitors are prescreened for Covid when scheduling the visit and screened upon arrival for the visit. Limit is 2 pre-scheduled, pre-screened persons per visit. We ask that visitors arrive about 15 minutes before the visit to allow for screening. Anyone with Covid positive indicators or posing a potential exposure risk is not permitted to visit.

• **Garvey Manor Nursing Home days of the week and times set for visits**

Monday Wednesday & Thursday

11:00 – 11:30 AM * 2:00 – 2:30 PM * 3:00 - 3:30 PM * 4:00 - 4:30 PM * 7:00 - 7:30 PM

Tuesday & Friday

11:00 -11:30 AM 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday

2:00 – 2:30 PM

• **Our Lady of the Alleghenies’ Residence days of the week and times set for visits**

Monday Wednesday & Thursday

1:30 – 2:00 PM 3:30 – 4:00 PM 6:15 - 6:45 PM

Friday 1:30 – 2:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday 1:30 – 2:00 PM

Please continue to pray we remain Covid free and that this Pandemic comes to an end soon.

God bless you and please stay safe *Sister Joachim Anne.*