

March 24, 2021

To the Family Members of our Residents,

I hope this letter finds you well. Hopefully you and many other family members have been or will be soon able to get the much longed for Covid-19 Vaccine that is finally becoming more widely available in our community. We know that having people vaccinated thus far (Residents, staff and family members) has made a difference in slowing the spread of the virus and has allowed us to welcome so many of you into the home for those longed for visits with your loved one. Having more people in the community vaccinated is the ONLY way we will eventually end this pandemic and save lives of people that are so vulnerable, like our residents. We are Covid-free at this time and hope that status will continue and that the positivity rate for Blair County will remain low so that visits with your loved ones can continue. We remain cautiously optimistic and vigilant to assure the safety of protection of ALL our residents. Even one case caused by exposure from an outside source will severely affect us.

Attached to this note is a copy of Garvey Manor's revised **Visitation Protocol**. I ask that you please read it and provide it to other family members, so that everyone is aware of the procedure that we are using to facilitate visits. Our protocols are based on Department of Health directives and on our ability to follow infection control and prevention measures.

Also please note and spread the word that we have established two dedicated phone lines for families to request visits: one for residents in the Nursing Home, one for residents in Our Lady of the Alleghenies (Personal Care). Please use these numbers when possible. **IF YOU CALL AND LEAVE A MESSING REQUESTING A SPECIFIC DATE /TIME – THAT DOES NOT CONFIRM YOU HAVE THE RESERVATION YOU REQUESTED. THE SCHEDULER MUST CALL YOU BACK WITH A RESERVATION DATE/TIME FOR YOUR VISIT.** It is almost a full time job for our staff to schedule in person visits and virtual visits as well. We can only accommodate a specific number of visits depending on the staff support we have to follow our protocols. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation and have tried to be as liberal as possible.

Our employee Covid-19 testing this week resulted in one positive test result. This employee did not cause an exposure within our facility, so we do not have to impose quarantine on the facility. The employee is off work for a specific quarantine time.

As we are only one week away from the Holy Week Triduum and Easter, I wish you many blessings. May this special time of the year be a time of peace, hope, and rejoicing. God bless you.

Sister Joachim Anne, O. Carm. Administrator