

Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence

VISITATION PROTOCOL - **Revised March 2021**

Garvey Manor (hereinafter referred to as NH) and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence (hereinafter referred to as PC) have revised our visitation protocol based on updated guidance from CMS, which includes the plan detailed below for in-person visits, effective **March 12, 2021**.

TO SCHEDULE IN-PERSON VISITS

We ask that you call the direct dial numbers listed below to schedule visits INSTEAD of calling the main Garvey Manor phone number.

Please inform others who may be scheduling visits.

Garvey Manor Nursing Home

Direct Dial (814) 317-1231

Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence

Personal Care/Independent Living

Direct Dial (814) 317-1285

PLEASE NOTE: Leaving a message to *request* a visit for a specific date/time **DOES NOT confirm that requested visit. We respond to messages in the order in which they were received and assign visit dates/times based on schedule availability.**

ITEM OF INTEREST	DETAILS
<p><u>Schedule of Visitation Hours* – Personal Care:</u> <u>Saturday and Sunday</u> 2:00 pm <u>Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday</u> 1:00 pm 3:00 pm 6:00 pm – <i>Mon/Wed/Thur ONLY</i></p> <p><u>Schedule of Visitation Hours* – Nursing Home:</u> <u>Saturday and Sunday:</u> 1:30 pm – 1:45 pm – 2:00 pm <u>Monday/Wednesday/Thursday:</u> 10:30 am – 10:45 am – 11 am 1:30 pm – 1:45 pm – 2:00 pm 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm 6:30 pm – 6:45 pm – 7:00 pm <u>Tuesday/Friday:</u> 10:30 am – 10:45 am – 11:00 am 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm</p> <p><i>* Visitation schedule (days, hours, length, etc.) subject to change.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Visit times already scheduled will be honored.</i> ● The number of visits occurring at one time will be managed by the facility to maintain infection prevention. ● Ordinarily no more than 2 visitors per resident. ● Visits scheduled through Activity Coordinator (PC) or Activities staff (NH). ● Visits will be scheduled in the order in which the requests are received and are dependent on staff availability, location availability. ● Children are included in the visitor count, must be accompanied/supervised by an adult, and must mask if over 2 years old. ● Pets permitted as long as they are leashed and compliant with our pet policy. Notify staff when scheduling visit that pet will be coming. ● No delivery of items to or taking items from the resident during visit. (Deliveries still accepted at white tent.) ● No standing visits will be scheduled. ● <u>Length of visit:</u> Up to 60 minutes.
<u>CORE PRINCIPLES OF INFECTION PREVENTION FOR VISITORS</u>	
<p>Screening</p> <p>Hand Hygiene</p> <p>Face Covering</p> <p>Social Distancing</p>	<p>Of all who enter the facility for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 and denial of entry of those with signs/symptoms or who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of visitor’s vaccination status).</p> <p>Use of hand sanitizer (alcohol-based hand rub) before entering facility, before entering elevator, before entering resident room, before and after touching resident.</p> <p>Mask worn at all times, covering nose and mouth.</p> <p>Maintaining 6 ft distance between resident and visitors for majority of visit.</p>

<p><u>VISITATION LOCATIONS:</u> Outdoor visitation remains the preferred method due to increased space and airflow. Indoor visits may be permitted.</p>	<p>When possible, visits will be held outside, considering weather and resident’s health status. Indoor visits may occur in designated neutral visitation spaces or in resident rooms.</p>
<p><u>VISITOR SCREENING:</u> <i>Visitors will be screened in using an electronic kiosk. Please allow time before your scheduled visit to complete this process.</i> <i>If visitors develop symptoms or have had exposure, the visit will need to be reevaluated.</i></p>	<p>Screening will consist of visitors having their temperature taken and answering questions related to signs/symptoms, exposure, high risk factors. Visitors who are identified as a high risk will not be permitted to visit in person and will be given instruction on how to schedule a virtual or window visit.</p>
<p><u>VISITOR REQUIREMENTS</u> <i>Visitors are encouraged to bring their own mask/face covering.</i> Please use provided patio chairs in lobby and yellow chairs in room for seating.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhere to screening protocols • Follow Core Principles of Infection Prevention • Proceed directly to and from designated visitation area. • Sign in before and sign out after visit.
<p><u>STAFFING:</u> Scheduling and managing visits require much staff time and energy. We appreciate your patience, cooperation and understanding. We still need to provide care and services to all residents while welcoming visitors.</p>	<p>Staff and/or volunteers will coordinate to assist with visitation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening visitors • Escorting visitors/residents to/from visit • Disinfecting area after visit
<p><u>SOCIAL DISTANCING</u> <i>IF a resident is fully vaccinated</i>, the resident, while wearing a well-fitting face mask, can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor. <i>Residents MUST perform hand hygiene before and after touching.</i></p>	<p>Visitation areas will be designed or marked to maintain 6 feet distance between the resident and visitors. Protocol MUST be followed: maintain social distance, hand hygiene and masking. Visitors and residents may have brief moments for a hug or hand holding. Hand hygiene MUST be performed by both parties before and after touching (hug or hand holding).</p>
<p><u>CHANGE IN VISITATION STATUS</u> Visits will not occur if there is a high risk of COVID-19 transmission.</p>	<p>Circumstances when visitation should be limited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unvaccinated residents if Blair County’s positivity rate is greater than 10% and less than 70% of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated; • Residents with confirmed COVID-19 infection until they are released from Transmission-Based Precautions; • Residents in quarantine, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met criteria for release from quarantine.

Visits may be altered or suspended Should an outbreak of COVID-19 occur in the facility (among staff or residents). (<i>An outbreak exists when a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified.</i>)
<u>VACCINATIONS</u> Many of our residents and staff have been fully vaccinated.	We encourage all residents, employees, and visitors to be vaccinated when able.

NOTES:

- Both facilities have established and will maintain the following:
 - Frequent resident health screening to monitor for signs/symptoms;
 - Quarantine of residents
 - Newly admitted, returned from hospital or from another facility;
 - Admitted from home environment;
 - With positive COVID-19 symptom screen;
 - If potentially exposed to COVID-19 until at least 14 days after exposure.
 - Adequate supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff;
 - Staffing levels consistent with our standards, which exceed requirements set by our licensing agencies;
 - Ability to re-initiate restrictions related to COVID-19 pandemic if recommended or required;
 - Staff screening at beginning of their shift (if screening outside of acceptable thresholds, employee not permitted to work until cleared by Infection Control Preventionist).
- It is preferred that visitors **not** brings items with them to give to the resident UNLESS pre-arrangements are made at the time of scheduling the visit.