

April 6, 2021

To families of the residents in Garvey Manor Nursing Home and Our Lady of the Alleghenies,

After a beautiful Easter weekend, and the opportunity for many of you to visit over the last two week, we are very sorry to have to inform you that as of today, April 6, 2021, **we have to stop all in-person visits with residents who reside in the Nursing Home.**

Employee testing being conducted today revealed two Covid-19 positive cases with potential exposure of staff and residents on all units in the Nursing Home. Therefore all nursing units are quarantined as Yellow Zones as of now. Residents were tested today and are negative at this time. Residents must remain cohorted on their units – any activities off the unit are suspended until further notice. The outbreak exposure regulations require the quarantine to extend at least 14 days from the exposure. Repeat testing of staff will take place later in the week. Resident will continue to be monitored daily and tested again later in the week and as needed.

We are attempting to contact all families who had in-person visits scheduled to cancel the visits. Virtual visits can be scheduled instead, if desired.

OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES – Remains a Green Zone at this time. in-person visits are still permitted. Cross over visits to the nursing home are not permitted. Residents of Our Lady of the Alleghenies are able to attend Mass, have appointments at Beauty Salon and walk outside as weather permits.

We know there are many more cases being reported in the community and the Blair County positivity rate last week rose to 5.9% from 4.7% the week before. Variants of the Covid Virus have been reported in our region. Even though most residents have been vaccinated, we must remain very vigilant, protective and infection control conscious to decrease the chance of further exposure and to identify any other positive cases as soon as possible to prevent a spread.

We will keep you informed if other circumstances develop. Please keep us in your prayers, and please observe all infection control measures in your own personal interactions.

Sister Joachim Anne, Administrator