

April 9, 2021

To the families of residents at Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies

As I informed you in the email sent earlier this week, Garvey Manor Nursing Home is in quarantine, due to potential exposure to a staff person who tested positive on April 6, 2021. A second person who initially tested positive on this same day, using the rapid test kit, subsequently tested negative using the more definitive PCR laboratory test. That person has been cleared to return to work.

I am sorry to now inform you that during employee testing today, another staff member tested positive. **Residents in Our Lady of the Alleghenies are considered exposed and therefore are now in quarantine. Residents are confined to Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence for the quarantine period of 14 days.** Contact with others is restricted and group activities are suspended to prevent possible exposure.

Residents in both the Nursing Home and Our Lady of the Alleghenies are being Covid tested between yesterday and today. As of now, no residents are showing any indication of Covid. The fact that most of our residents have been vaccinated is a positive factor in decreasing the chance of them getting the virus. All residents will continue to be monitored for development of any symptoms. Staff testing will again be repeated twice next week.

In person visits for residents in the Nursing Home and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence are suspended until further notice. Virtual visits can be scheduled.

The Blair County positivity rate escalated **from 5.9% last week to 8.8% this week.** This is a grave concern for us as potential exposure from anywhere in the region is possible since the number of cases in the county have risen radically so quickly. We advise all our staff and family members to maintain vigilance when in the community and in all personal contacts. Masking, social distancing and frequent hand hygiene are the most effective mitigation measures that can be taken as personal protection and should be used AT ALL TIMES.

We appreciate your prayers, understanding and support as we do whatever is in our power to responsibly care for your loved ones.

Sister Joachim Anne, Administrator