

Good Day to our Family Members, and Loved Ones,

As the Infection Preventionist at Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies I would like to send out a request to our loved ones. With the Easter Holiday coming up, I urge you to exercise the utmost caution when gathering with families. Part of my job here is to track local cases of infectious disease. Unfortunately, the primary focus for my last year has been Covid, and that is not letting up just yet. The last few days, Covid cases have started to climb in Blair County and across our state. This is not a good trend. If the cases climb above a certain level, we will have to cease visitation. Cases have been reported in all surrounding school districts.

We have greatly enjoyed having all of our wonderful family members visiting with us the past few weeks. I am urging you one and all to be extremely careful over the next few weeks of holiday celebrations. Please, if you feel that you were in a crowded, unmasked social gathering, DO NOT VISIT. Covid-19 is still very much among us. We had a blessed reprieve over the last month and would love to keep it that way as we go into the warmer months. As a reminder, just one case of Covid-19 in our facility is an outbreak per current Department of Health guidelines. When there is an outbreak, we have to cease visitation until all residents and staff are tested, and continue testing until they are all negative. Regardless of vaccine status, exposure could lead to SARS-COV-2 infection, and/or a person being a carrier of the virus and potentially exposing or infecting others. At all times our primary focus will be to keep all of our residents and staff members safe.

If you have not yet had the opportunity, I strongly encourage you to seek out vaccination and get vaccinated against Covid-19. Local vaccine availability has increased and as more and more community members become vaccinated, we get closer to herd immunity, and back to a “normal” life.

Sincerely,

Laura Bankert,
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