

May 13, 2021

Dear Families,

Our week began in the most glorious way with Mother's Day weekend and the ability for most of our residents to have a face-to-face visit with their loved ones. All told, we had 87 visits in Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence last Saturday and Sunday!

Throughout this week, we have been celebrating Older American's Week, with activities and treats for our residents and employees. The week started with Mission Day bingo for all. Picnics with hamburgers and hot dogs were provided Monday for Our Lady of the Alleghenies residents, Tuesday for Garvey Manor 1st floor residents and Wednesday for 2nd floor residents. Our employees were given treats Tuesday and Wednesday and were recognized today with an appreciation meal and door prizes.

Unfortunately, on Wednesday, May 12th, one of our fully vaccinated nursing home residents tested positive with minor symptoms. This case will cause us to quarantine the C1 and D1 units for at least 2 weeks since these units have been together for communal dining and activities through the week.

Any in-person visits scheduled for residents on C1 or D1 will be transitioned to virtual visits as we are able. You will be contacted by the Activities staff if this applies to you.

We continue to schedule in-person visits for residents on E1, C2, D2 and E2 units. Please visit our website, click on Visits in the top right corner and you will be directed to the site where you can select a date and time that suits your schedule. **PLEASE NOTE** that we must limit visits to ***one*** per resident per week in order to allow all residents the opportunity to have a visit. We appreciate your sharing this information with your family.

Employee testing was done on Monday, May 10, and resulted in no positive results. Employees are being tested again today, Thursday, May 13th. We will provide further updates as necessary. Further, we had 14 additional employees obtain vaccines this week. We continue to encourage and provide vaccines for our employees and are now at 63% fully or partially vaccinated. 93% of our residents are vaccinated.

I speak for all of our employees when I say this recent case is disheartening. We have worked very hard over the past 15 months to follow and comply with the myriad of guidelines, regulations, and recommendations put forth by the PA Department of Health, the Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services, and the Center for Disease Control. We were encouraged by the ability to have in-person visits and communal dining and activities. The fact remains that this virus is still present and continues to disrupt our lives.

We ask for your continued prayers for our residents, their families and friends, and our employees.

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