

GARVEY MANOR		
DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION	SUBJECT: RESIDENT OUTINGS (NON-MEDICAL)	
SECTION: RESIDENT SAFETY	ISSUE DATE: 10/28/2020	ISSUED BY: JK
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MISSION INTEGRATION: *This policy conforms to the Mission and Philosophy of Garvey Manor and the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm.*

This policy reflects the Philosophy Value(s) of: *Hospitality, Shared Commitment, Compassion, Sanctity of Life*

POLICY STATEMENT: Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence recognize the need for residents to remain connected to family and friends, especially during times when in-facility visits are restricted. The need for connectedness, however, must be balanced with the facility's responsibility to protect residents.

The facility's primary concern is the health and well-being of ALL residents and staff and will determine if non-medical outings pose an undue risk for the majority.

Resident outings for non-medical reasons are strongly discouraged and not recommended during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic except in rare and exceptional circumstances. Examples of rare or exceptional circumstances include, but are not limited to: funeral of close family member, visit to close family member who is terminally ill or dying, special family event (e.g., wedding, baptism) for ceremony only.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence, hereinafter referred to as "facility", will evaluate resident requests for non-medical outings on a case-by-case basis.

The facility will take into account:

- The reason for the outing;
- The extent to which infection prevention and control precautions (universal masking, hand hygiene, and social distancing) will be achieved and maintained by the resident and others in close contact with the resident during the outing;
- The resident's level of vulnerability due to chronic or immunocompromised conditions;
- The resident's vaccination status;
- Location of the outing (in a high-risk county/state, in the presence of others from high risk county/state, indoors/outdoors, etc.);
- Number of people expected to be present;
- Duration of the outing; and
- Risks associated with the above.

Risk is determined based on the above items as well as other related concerns or information of which the facility is made aware or with which the facility is presented. A risk assessment will be conducted to determine the facility's procedures upon a resident's return from a non-medical outing.

Requests for a non-medical outing must be made through the Social Service staff (Garvey Manor residents) or Resident Service Coordinator (Our Lady of the Alleghenies residents). All non-medical outings will result in quarantine and testing of the resident until a risk assessment can be completed.

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It is recommended that requests for non-medical outings be submitted at least 72 hours in advance to allow time to complete the risk assessment and potentially avoid such measures.

The resident and/or responsible party/POA will be notified whether the outing requested is considered high risk.

If the resident and/or responsible party/POA proceed with the outing despite the facility's position, the responsible party of the resident will be required to sign an acknowledgment indicating their understanding of and agreement to the infection control precautions and requirements necessary to protect the resident while on the outing as well as to acknowledge the potential risk the outing poses to other residents and employees of the facility, including possible exposure that could result in positive cases leading to quarantine of parts of the facility or the whole facility and the risk of death of an at-risk individual.

A high-risk outing may be determined by the following factors:

- Substantial community spread in the area visited (county positivity rate greater than 10%);
- More than 10 people present at the outing and
 - Failure of consistent universal masking for the duration of the outing and/or
 - Failure of physical distancing from the resident during the outing (hugging, touching, or kissing the resident; riding in the vehicle with the resident with unmasked persons).
- The visit occurred in a setting where social distancing could not be maintained (restaurant or other crowded venue);
- Other high risk factors.

If the visit was determined to be high risk, the facility will consider one or multiple precautions including, but not limited to:

- COVID-19 testing within 48-72 hours following the outing and probable repeat testing;
- Quarantine during transmission-vulnerable time period (14 days or longer as necessary);
- Transmission-based precautions;
- Other, as deemed necessary to protect the resident, other residents, and staff.

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