

June 11, 2021

Dear Families of our residents,

It has been a long stretch of quarantine for all of us, but I am pleased to report that testing this week of all residents and staff resulted in no positive cases. The county positivity rate is low once again. We are pleased to report that all nursing home units are out of any quarantine that had been in place. **We are able to resume communal dining, small group activities and in person, scheduled visits with family and friends.**

Therefore the following is the update of our status relating to Covid.

- As face to face visits may resume for all nursing home units and Our Lady of the Alleghenies continues to offer scheduled visits, please remember to follow the protocol of pre-scheduling visits, preferably using the link on our website [www.garveymanor.org](http://www.garveymanor.org) under the **Visits** tab. Make sure to select for the Nursing Home or the Personal Care Residence.
- With the weather being nice on many occasions, we added a new question asking if you wish to have your visit outside, instead of in the resident's room, if conditions permit. Please use this indicator, so that staff can make arrangements if this request is possible based on weather and the resident's preference. You will be directed to a specific spot for your visit upon your arrival and screening.
- If you are not able to use the internet to schedule your visit, then please call  
(814) 317-1231 for residents in Garvey Manor or  
(814) 317-1285 for residents in Our Lady of the Alleghenies.
- Please remember, visits must be held in specific, designated places. We cannot permit families to take residents to other places or to visit in common areas where other residents are present. We must sanitize the furniture used after each visits and decrease risk of exposure by having each visit in a segregated place.
- As we did for Mothers' Day, we are making special arrangements for visits on Fathers' Day in order to allow enough time slots for every male resident to have an in person visit. Time for other visits will also be available, but preference will be given to providing visits for fathers, grandfathers, uncles, etc. There will be a special section on the visits tab on the website for this.
- **All scheduled visits are subject to change should our Covid status change within the facility.**
- Any request to take a resident out of the facility and off the premises for a non-medical reason MUST be preapproved. Requests should be directed to Social Service or the Nursing Supervisor. Requests for residents in Our Lady of the Alleghenies should be

directed to Linda Sell or Denise Becker. A process is in place to make sure the resident is capable of leaving the facility with physician approval and a Covid Risk Assessment must be completed to determine if the resident will need to be in 14 day quarantine upon return. We know this process seems cumbersome, but we are trying to follow the directives given to us to decrease risk of Covid exposure.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding. We hope we can maintain an environment free of exposure and free of any positive cases, but we know the pandemic is not over and we are at risk from many sources. Staff will only be tested once next week. Residents will not be tested unless there is an indication determined during assessment.

God Bless you and please stay safe as you enjoy the nice weather and the opportunity to be with family and friends.

Sister Joachim Anne, Administrator