

June 18, 2021

To the family members of our residents at Garvey Manor & Our Lady of the Alleghenies,

As we come to the end of another week, and we come to the end of Spring, I am pleased to give you this update of our Covid – related status.

- Testing of all staff this week resulted in NO positive Covid test.
- We remain Covid free in the entire facility
- All units in the Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies are free of quarantine. A few individuals are in quarantine due to precautions
- Face to face visits can be scheduled for any resident, except those few who are in quarantine for personal precautions. (those family members are aware)
- The Blair County positivity rate remains low this week at 1.2%
- We will not test staff next week, we will test only staff who are not vaccinated the week of June 28<sup>th</sup>, unless a need otherwise arises.
- We will only test residents if a need arises

Sunday marks the beginning of summer, and Father's Day. We hope all our residents who are fathers – grandfathers – great grandfathers – or any other familial relationship have a special day. Many are scheduled to have family visits in person or virtually with family member who are out of town. Even though there is great freedom of movement and relaxed restriction among the general public, we are still under the mandate for special visiting restrictions and limitation of residents' movement and association with others.

- If you are scheduling an in person visit and you would possibly like that visit to be out doors, please indicate this at the time you are scheduling the visit, so that we can designate enough sites for visits. We must still make sure visits are in designated spaces, that are cleaned after each visit.
- As I indicated in last week's update, 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, in advance of the requested outing, 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 assure the resident is capable of leaving the facility with physician approval and is physically able to get into a vehicle. A "Covid Risk Assessment" must be completed to determine if the resident will need to be in a 14 day quarantine upon return because of the potential of the risk of Covid exposure. We know this process seems burdensome, but we are taking the necessary steps to decrease risk of Covid exposure for individuals and for the facility as a whole.

We are not out of the woods from the pandemic yet. The 'Delphi' variant of the Covid virus, which is more contagious than the original strain, is spreading throughout the country. We all must remain vigilant!

Have a very good weekend; enjoy the offerings of summer activities. God bless you and please stay safe

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