

August 11, 2021

OLAR residents and families,

Today, we were notified that one of our residents has had possible exposure to COVID-19 and one of our residents has been exposed to someone who subsequently tested positive for COVID-19.

Due to the concern of possible exposure of other residents, we have decided to designate Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence a yellow zone (meaning there is possible exposure). Being “yellow” means that we must initiate the following:

- The residents with possible and actual exposure have been placed in quarantine.
- All residents were tested this afternoon. All results were negative.
- Additional resident testing will be conducted as required and warranted.
- All residents will be monitored at least daily for signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
- Employees on duty at the time we became aware of this concern were tested. All results were negative.
- All employees will be tested prior to their next scheduled shift and as required and warranted thereafter.
- ALL visitation will be paused at least through and including August 22, 2021. Virtual visits may be scheduled by calling Michelle Bookhammer at (814) 317-1285. Michelle will return calls in the order in which they were received and as she is able.
- We have rearranged our dining rooms to allow for social distancing between residents.
- Employees will be wearing personal protective equipment (gowns, face shields, masks) as required.
- OLAR residents will be required to remain within the personal care facility. Therefore, no crossover visitation will be permitted with residents in the nursing home. Residents will be able to watch Mass on channel 99 and will be provided Holy Communion as we are able.
- At this time, any scheduled medical outings will remain as scheduled. ALL NON-MEDICAL OUTINGS will be paused until further notice.

We thank you for your understanding as we do all that we can to protect our residents and employees. We are sure you are aware that cases are increasing in our county, across the state, and throughout the country. Please continue to be cautious and diligent with protective measures as you go through your daily life and business in the community. As always, we ask for your prayers.

Thank you.

*Joann Kasun*

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