



# Garvey Manor & Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence

*Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm • Diocese of Altoona Johnstown*

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To the families of our Residents,

During Covid testing this week, two staff members were identified to be positive for the virus. Both have been put off work for the required quarantine time. Neither had contact with residents that results in residents need to quarantine. Close observation and precautions are being taken on those units where the staff worked. Residents on those units are all fully vaccinated. Our status for all units of the facility remain: GREEN ZONES.

We again advise you to be vigilant, and ask that you be extra cautious if you have any symptoms, even if it seems to be a common cold. The present strain of the virus often presents with minor symptoms in the early stages. This applies to people who are vaccinated or not vaccinated. Please be safe in your interactions within the community and mindful of potential encounters that can put you at risk for Covid exposure. Consider that your risk of exposure can then be transmitted to your vulnerable loved one here at Garvey Manor or Our Lady of the Alleghenies. PLEASE contact us immediately if you visited and then believe you could possibly have caused and exposure to a resident. Get tested in cases you suspect to be Covid symptoms or exposure.

We are in the process of initiating our Mandatory Vaccine Policy for staff who are not yet vaccinated. We believe this is the right step to provide the safest environment against possible exposure for residents and staff. At this time, the majority of our staff are vaccinated.

We, like all other businesses continue to have challenges with staffing. We are actively marketing, recruiting and hiring to fill open positions. On Wednesday, October 20, we will again host a Job Fair at Garvey Manor. We would appreciate any referrals you may be able to make for persons who would be a good fit to work with us in our ministry.

I hope you have pleasant weekend. God bless you and thank you for your support and understanding.

*Sister Joachim Anne*, Administrator

PS – If you are shopping on-line, remember to use **Amazon Smile** and select Garvey Manor as your charity of choice so that we receive a donation as a benefit of your purchases.