

January 12, 2022

To the families of the residents of Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence,

We know the Covid Omicron virus is raging in Blair County. Despite our vigilance, I am sorry to inform you, that we have a Covid Outbreak on the Marian Center for Dementia Care E-2 unit with 6 residents testing positive this morning. One resident tested positive two days ago on the C-2 unit.

The E-2 Unit is now designated a **YELLOW ZONE**, with specific residents' rooms designated RED with active Covid. Several staff tested positive this week, some by our testing, some tested from their homes due to having symptoms. Most of those testing positive have been vaccinated and are not having serious symptoms, though we know there is a higher risk for serious illness among the elderly. All staff member with symptoms of a common cold are advised to stay home and to be tested. Residents are being tested due to potential exposure.

We are advising all visitors of our Covid Outbreak and their own risk if coming into the facility. We believe it is wise to caution visitors of their own risk.

WE STRONGLY ADVISE FAMILIES NOT TO VISIT THE E-2 UNIT AT THIS TIME. IF A VISITOR COMES TO E-2, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A GOWN UPON ENTERING THE UNIT, MUST REMAIN MASKED AT ALL TIMES, SHOULD BE METICULOUS ABOUT HAND HYGIENE ENTERING/LEAVING THE UNIT, AND SOCIAL DISTANCING FROM ALL RESIDENTS WHILE IN BUILDING.

Again, we ask that visitors DO NOT come to the facility if they have **any symptoms of a cold**, do not feel well or if they have been around anyone who has symptoms or who has tested positive.

We are doing all we can to try to prevent the virus and to contain the present positive outbreak. The news media is very grim about the status of the Omicron variant and its highly contagious nature. We know we are vulnerable because on the contact our staff and all visitors have with others in the community. We ask you to please continue to keep us in your prayer.

Sister Joachim Anne, Administrator