



February 18, 2022

To the Residents and Families of the Residents of Garvey Manor  
and Our Lady of the Alleghenies,

The headlines in the newspaper are encouraging by reporting that Covid cases seem to be lessening in our County, but in reality, cases are still being reported every day. We continue to test the majority of our staff twice each week. We test residents based on potential exposure and if we have an outbreak in the facility (an outbreak is considered one or more positive tests among residents or staff members). Since last week's update:

- Seven staff members and one volunteer tested positive and are off work for the specified time frames.
- Six residents in Garvey Manor Nursing Home and one resident in Our Lady of the Alleghenies Personal Care Residence tested positive. These residents are in varied stages of infection control precautions.
- Most of those testing positive were vaccinated.
- The **E-2 Unit remains a Yellow Zone** due to the number of positive cases on the unit and the potential for exposure. **WE STRONGLY DISCOURAGE VISITORS FROM COMING TO THIS UNIT.** Anyone who enters this unit, including any visitors, must wear a protective gown and follow other infection control protocols.

It is difficult for all of us here to be in this state of 'outbreak' since we try so hard to prevent the spread of the virus. It is particularly distressing to have residents testing positive. We are relieved that most of the residents affected have mild symptoms but, because of their vulnerability and fragile conditions, any resident having an active Covid infection is a great concern. We have reports from other long term facilities in Blair County that they are also experiencing similar trends among residents and staff.

**Due to guidelines specific to visitors to long-term care facilities, PLEASE DO NOT VISIT if you:**

- **Have any symptoms or fever;**
- **Were diagnosed with Covid IN THE PRIOR 10 DAYS;**
- **Are undergoing evaluation for Covid (such as pending test) due to exposure or close contact to a person with Covid.**

**And PLEASE NOTIFY US if you develop any symptoms of Covid or test positive within 10 days after a visit. PLEASE call our Infection Preventionist, Laura Bankert at 814 695 5571 if the above applies to you before you come to visit.**

I, and all the staff, appreciate your understanding and support as we continue to deal with the constraints of the Pandemic.

God bless you and *Stay Safe!!*

*Sister Joachim Anne, Administrator*