

February 8, 2022



To the Residents and families of the Residents of  
Garvey Manor & Our Lady of the Alleghenies,

Since my last update on January 28, Covid at our facility continues to be an issue, as it is throughout our County, State and Country. Since that update;

- 5 Staff members tested positive and are off work for the required time frames.
- 7 Residents tested positive. As a result, some Residents are on special precautions on two different units.
- The **E-2 Unit remains a YELLOW ZONE** due to the exposure from Covid + cases.
  - We strongly discourage visitors from coming to this unit to see any residents because of the risk of exposure of the visitor to the active virus.
  - IF you must visit E-2, please be advised that you must stop at the entrance of the unit to don a clothing protector (gown) and be instructed by a staff member.
  - Mask at ALL times when visiting, proper removal and disposal of the gown after the visit are essential to decrease your risk of exposure.
  - Hand hygiene when entering facility, after putting on gown, before entering resident room and when leaving room and after removing gown is required
- We discourage visits to Residents on the D-1 unit who tested positive. If visitors must come to see one of these residents, they are subject to the risk of exposure and protective measures noted above must be followed.
- We continue testing most staff twice weekly depending on close association with residents. We also continue to test residents while there is an outbreak in the facility.

**We cannot stress enough how important it is for ALL VISITORS to comply with the guidance that have been put in place for the protection of our residents, staff and visitors. We do not like these restrictions either, but they are necessary:**

- VISITORS CANNOT FREELY CIRCULATE IN THE BUILDING OR CONGREGATE IN HALLS, SITTING ROOMS, THE CHAPEL, CAFE OR DINING ROOMS.
- Visitors must go directly to the resident room for the visit and must visit with the door closed. MASK at all times. Use hand sanitizer before entering room and when leaving.
- Visitors should not leave the resident's room to return to the lobby, their car, etc., and then go back to the room, unless absolutely necessary.
- Visitors cannot take Residents out the room unless it is prearranged that the Resident is leaving the building with the visitor for some set purpose. (In nice weather, when pre-arranged, visitors may take residents outside to designated places where other residents are not present.)
- MOST IMPORTANT – Do not visit if you have any symptoms what-so-ever of not feeling well. If you visit and later get sick, PLEASE CALL and notify our Infection Control Specialist, Laura Bankert. It is imperative that we can closely watch a resident who was exposed to a visitor who gets sick/tests positive for Covid. (Contact Tracing) We want to limit possible spread whenever possible.

Thank you for your attention to this update. I hope I have better news to report soon.

God bless you. Stay safe!

*Sister Joachim Anne*, Administrator