

May 5, 2022

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

I am sorry to have to report a second time this week, but, during Covid testing today, we identified several additional cases of Covid among residents and staff.

Please be advised that:

- **ALL Units of the Nursing Home, except D-1, are now determined to be YELLOW ZONES,** meaning there is more than one case of Covid-19 on the Unit.
- D-1 is on special precautions with one positive case, at this time.
- **We DISCOURAGE any visitors to any units in the Nursing Home.** We are advising you that there is a risk of exposure if anyone still chooses to visits. We especially discourage children, persons with compromised immune systems and persons who are not vaccinated from visiting.
- Those who visit anyway will have to observe special precautions, including wearing a gown, mask at all times, meticulous hand hygiene, social distance from any resident, including the resident being visited.
- **Do not visit if you have any symptoms of a common cold. This is how the present strain of the virus usually affects people early on.** A person may have active Covid before testing positive.
- Residents on all Nursing Home units are to remain in their rooms, if possible, and are not permitted to leave their unit for any reason, other than a medically related matter.
- Dining service will be modified to decrease exposure of non-affected residents. Most residents will eat in their rooms. Beauty parlor appointments and any group activities that were planned are cancelled.
- We have special signs posted at the entrances and the screening stations in the facility giving directives.

For those who wish to have a visiting option, virtual visits may be scheduled by calling Garvey at 814-695-5571, ask for Kathy LaVelle or a member of the Activity Staff.

PLEASE COMMUNICATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS WHO MAY BE PLANNING TO VISIT OVER THE WEEKEND.

Our Lady of the Alleghenies is not affected by any positive cases at this time. Residents of OLAR are not co-mingling with Residents of the Nursing Home. OLAR Residents are able to attend Mass, the Beauty Salon and have normal activities and dining service.

We ask that visitors to OLAR be very vigilant to follow all infection control practices, as posted, so as to prevent the possibility of bringing the virus into the facility. It is extremely important to follow preventative measures of masking, social distancing and frequent hand hygiene if visiting or if taking any Resident out of the facility for a family visit, especially if many people are gathered together

It is very unfortunate that this outbreak comes as Mother's Day weekend approaches, but, as I said in the update late last week, we almost expected a two-week post-Easter Covid-19 outbreak due to the exposure of residents and staff to many people over the Easter holiday. We are seeing the ripple effects in this present time frame.

As always, we appreciate your prayers, understanding, support and cooperation. We hope to move through this outbreak as quickly as possible with the least amount of disruption to the residents' routines.

God bless you all, and BE SAFE!!

Sister Joachim Anne, Administrator