

Coronavirus Update, Monday, April 20

We want to continue to encourage you to stay the course and follow all of the directives. We continue to hear talk of lessening the restrictions, but we remind you that rural areas lag behind more populated ones with the spread of viruses, so even though the risk may be lessening elsewhere, it continues to grow in this area.

There are now 98 confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Suwannee County. We are blessed that there are still no known cases at Advent Christian Village, either among members or staff. It truly takes each of us working together to lessen the risk. Therefore, restrict visits, stay at home, and only go out for essential items. If you must go out, please wear a mask, follow good hygiene practices and maintain appropriate distances. If you do not have a mask and would like one, you may obtain one by contacting Susie Hudson at 658-5200.

Remember, most essential items and services are available on campus. If you are having trouble obtaining an essential item, contact your Service Coordinator. He or she may be able to assist you in finding alternative ways to receive them.

The Grocer and Pharmacy remain open and both offer delivery service. In addition to the dining room being open for takeout, we continue to offer advanced pickup service for meals. Call Pam Bissett at 658-5933 by 2:00 pm to order your meal for the following day. Copeland Clinic remains open but if you are running a fever or have other symptoms of COVID-19, call before entering the building.

Please note, as we have not announced this before. If you or a friend are hospitalized or are taken to the emergency room, please do not make your own arrangements to return to the Village without contacting the Information Center. We require the hospital to prepare a transition report and that the report be sent to the Information Center before you can return to the Village. This is precautionary and designed for your protection, so please make sure that you do not make independent arrangements to return to the Village without first contacting the Information Center. Simply screening upon return will not be sufficient, and you place yourself, the driver and the community at risk. The hospital is familiar with this report.

Our efforts are for all of us to work together to reduce exposure for everyone in the community. We will continue to screen staff daily and take their temperature twice each day and we will continue to screen vendors and visitors as they come to the campus. Thank you for your patience.

The next update is scheduled for Wednesday April 22. Should there be a need for an interim update, it will be provided on the telephone emergency information line.

As always, for information concerning your personal situation, please contact your Service Coordinator.