

## **Coronavirus Update, Friday, April 24, 4:00 PM**

As we have shared, over the past two days we have had two employees test positive for COVID-19, Coronavirus. One employee serves in Dacier Manor and one in Good Samaritan Center.

The two cases appear to be unrelated and neither individual has worked at ACV for over a week. We are thankful to report that at the present time, no residents in either facility are exhibiting symptoms of Coronavirus.

Be assured that as you have seen with our response in independent living, we are working diligently to follow proper procedures to limit the spread of COVID-19. For several weeks, all residents and staff of Dacier Manor and Good Samaritan Center have been screened, monitored for COVID-19 symptoms and they have all had their temperature taken multiple times each day.

I am also grateful for the way our County Health Department has been responsive during this difficult time. In both circumstances, the health department requested testing by the state and within 24 hours of each incident the state has arrived to test all residents and staff of both facilities. The results are expected in 3 to 5 days so we currently await the results.

In regards to the employee from Dacier Manor, on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> the employee sent notice that a friend's mother had tested positive for Coronavirus and he had spent some time with that friend so he was going to self-quarantine and would not be in. The last evening the employee worked at Dacier Manor was Monday April 13.

It is our understanding that later the employee began to exhibit COVID-19 symptoms so he was tested. The positive result was learned on April 22. The staff promptly notified the residents, their family members and the remaining staff at Dacier Manor.

The local health department was also made aware of the positive test. At their recommendation, we have asked the residents of Dacier Manor to quarantine in their room. We have also sent home to quarantine all employees who recently worked with the individual who tested positive. All residents and staff of Dacier Manor were tested on Thursday April 23.

In regards to the staff member at Good Samaritan Center who tested positive. A number of days ago, the employee learned that their spouse tested positive for COVID-19 and immediately notified us of a potential exposure. The employee lives in another county and thus contacted their local health department who made the determination that the criteria requiring testing was not met and only monitoring for symptoms was needed.

Due to the nature of our community and the number of reports that have declared that many infected people are asymptomatic, we decided, out of an abundance of caution to pay to have the employee tested through a private lab. Due to our proactive actions, we learned much earlier than otherwise that the employee had contracted the COVID-19 virus.

The employee has not worked at Good Samaritan Center since Wednesday morning April 15. Again, we have notified the residents, their family members and staff of this discovery. We also notified the local health department, AHCA and the CDC. We are also working closely with health officials on this case and following their directives.

Again, the health department was most helpful and we are pleased to report that all residents and staff of the Good Samaritan Center are currently being tested today, April 24.

It is amazing that in both cases, testing of all residents and staff has occurred within 24 hours of the state receiving notification of a positive case. We are especially grateful considering the fact that neither staff person has worked for over a week, and none of the residents of either facility were exhibiting any signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

Please know that we will continue to closely monitor the situation and we will continue to work carefully with state health officials and follow protocols as advised by the CDC, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Health Department.

In light of this news, we must reiterate the importance of following the guidelines that have been given to us by the CDC and state and federal health officials. We will continue to work diligently on our end but you can help yourself by continuing to take this pandemic seriously. Please limit visits, stay home, except for essential needs. If you must go out, maintain proper distances, wear a mask and follow good hygiene practices.

We remain in this together. Please join me in praying for a full recovery of these staff members and for the safety and protection for each of us who lives and serves at Advent Christian Village.

As always, for questions pertaining to your particular situation, contact your Service Coordinator. Our next scheduled update will be Monday April 27.