

Coronavirus Update, Wednesday, April 29

We continue to await most of the results from the individual Covid-19 tests taken in Dacier Manor and Good Samaritan Center late last week. To date, we have received partial results from Dacier Manor and almost all are negative.

One Dacier resident did test positive for COVID-19, but this case is unrelated to the staff person who previously tested positive. The staff person last worked on April 13 and this resident had been off campus in rehab until April 22. The resident was asymptomatic but appears to have been infected already prior to admittance back to Dacier. We are blessed that we were testing because it enabled us to learn of this positive case early on and residents were staying in their rooms. Currently, the resident is being cared for at an alternate care site designated as an isolation unit away from GSC, Dacier Manor and our independent living areas.

As we await the results of the remaining tests, we are closely monitoring both situations and we continue to work carefully with health officials and follow protocols as advised by the CDC, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Health Department. We continue to be grateful for the assistance we have received from our county health department and the state.

In our independent living areas, there continue to be no confirmed cases of COVID-19. Now is not the time to let our guard down. As of this afternoon, there are 129 confirmed cases in Suwannee County.

We strongly encourage you to continue to abide by the stay at home order and only go out for essential needs or to exercise or get fresh air. Always maintain proper distancing and please do not congregate with others in public or common areas. If you are out of your home or apartment, please wear a mask. You can get one by contacting Susie Hudson at 658-5200.

Before you admit any visitor, vendor or service provider to your home, you should contact your Service Coordinator. We are requiring everyone entering the facilities to be screened first. Advanced notice to your Service Coordinator will speed up the process.

We have heard numerous remarks such as “The virus doesn’t concern me; I’m healthy and can fight it off.” You may very well be able to, but you could infect your neighbor who may have underlying health conditions. We are a vulnerable community. Please think of others as you consider your actions. In a community like this, we are dependent upon on another. Hang in there; this is only for a season.

Please continue to pray for those who have been infected with this virus and for the protection of this community.

As always, for questions concerning your particular situation, contact your Service Coordinator. Our next scheduled update will be Friday May 1.