

# Coronavirus Update, Friday, May 1

We have received the test results for both Dacier Manor and Good Samaritan Center. As previously reported, we had one resident of Dacier Manor test positive for COVID-19 but that case is unrelated to the staff person who had previously tested positive. The staff person last worked on April 13<sup>th</sup> and the resident had been out of Dacier Manor in rehab until April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

In regards to the Good Samaritan Center, we are thankful that all residents' tests have come back negative. Two employees tested positive and both cases are unrelated to the previous positive case, and unrelated to each other.

Neither employee was displaying symptoms, so it is a blessing we were able to test everyone and learn of these positive cases early on and address the issue. The two employees have been sent home to quarantine and in consultation with the Health Department we are closely monitoring the situation since everyone else's results came back negative.

There were a minimal number of tests that came back inconclusive so those individuals have been retested and we are awaiting the results.

We continue to screen, monitor, and take the temperature of all residents and staff of the Good Samaritan Center and Dacier Manor multiple times each day, and we continue to carefully follow our protocols as advised by the CDC, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Health Department.

As I have shared previously, we are deeply grateful for the prompt and professional response of our County Health department. The proactive testing of all involved enabled us to address the issues and learn of these positive cases earlier than otherwise and reduce the risk to the community.

We are also blessed that we are not aware of any cases of COVID-19 in independent living. As of this morning there are 139 confirmed cases in Suwannee County, so it is important to remain vigilant.

The Governor recently announced that beginning Monday May 4, a limited number of restrictions will be eased within the state. Please be advised that this action does not apply at ACV. None of the eased restrictions relate to the guidance and directives we have in place.

The Governor has affirmed the precautions seniors should continue to take. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to continue to remain in your home, only going out for essential needs. If you must go out, maintain safe distances, wear a mask and follow good hygiene practices. Please do not congregate in public areas.

All screening requirements for staff, vendors, service providers and guests remain in place. Please be reminded that you should contact your Service Coordinator before admitting anyone from outside of ACV to your home. Advanced notice will speed up the process.

Thank you for continuing to follow these directives. Your cooperation is helping to limit the risks to the community. We have been blessed thus far and our goal and efforts are to continue to do what we can. We remain in it together so it is important that we each do our part.

Please continue to join us in praying 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 Monday May 4.