

## **Coronavirus Update, Friday, May 15**

We continue to have no known new cases of Coronavirus among residents or staff. The one employee remains quarantined. The four other staff members and the Dacier resident whom we previously reported had tested positive have all been cleared.

We continue to look at ways to manage risk while lessening some of the restrictions that the Governor has eased for the state. In the most recent issue of the Friendly Neighbor News, we gave details about the reopening of the Village Barbershop and the Hair Cropper. Efforts are now being put forth to open limited dining in Rumph Dining Room. Our goal is to have safely distanced dining by the middle of next week. We still offer take-out for those who prefer to continue to enjoy their meal at home. More information will be provided in Monday's update and through next week's Friendly Neighbor News.

As the Governor eases more restrictions, we will look at opening other areas individually and slowly. All of our actions for the near term relate to member-only activities, with no immediate plans to open the facilities to non-members.

As we do ease restrictions, I want to stress that this does not mean that the risk has decreased. Currently, there are 151 known cases of COVID-19 in Suwannee County and the newest cases are not linked to previous cases. That means there is the possibility of community spread. It is important for everyone to remain vigilant and continue to take the guidelines seriously. Limit visitors and family. Continue to follow good hygiene practices, only go out for essential needs, if you do go out, maintain proper distances and wear a mask.

The greatest risk to the community comes from the virus being brought in either by a visitor to the community or by a member or employee that goes out, is exposed, and brings it with them. As we have seen, many people who are infected are symptom-free. We remain in this together and thank you for your patience and understanding.

As always, for questions about your particular situation, contact your Service Coordinator. Our next scheduled update will be Monday, May 18.