

Coronavirus Update, Wednesday, May 20

We are pleased to report that the final staff member who had tested positive for Coronavirus has been released by health officials and can return to work. Now there are no known cases of COVID-19 at ACV among members or staff.

We are looking for ways to ease restrictions on campus within state guidelines. Starting today, Rumph Dining Room is open for lunch with limited seating. Tables have been appropriately spaced and seating is restricted to three per table. For those preferring to eat at home, we still offer our carryout services and meal delivery for those with specific needs. Please be patient with staff as we learn how to accommodate you through these changes. Currently, the Lopin Gopher is open for takeout only, with no dining on the premises.

We are developing a plan to reopen Copeland Community Center with restrictions. Use will be by reservation only, with reduced hours and a partial list of activities available. The projected opening date is Tuesday, May 26. Consult the Friendly Neighbor News for additional information.

Plans are also being developed to open the Village library and some activities that are for 10 or fewer people. As details are finalized, we will provide additional information through these updates and the Friendly Neighbor News.

As we begin easing restrictions on campus, please understand that these reopenings relate to members only. The facilities remain closed to nonmembers at least through the end of May.

These reopenings do not mean the threat of COVID-19 entering the campus has decreased! As the Governor has eased restrictions, in his orders he has continued to encourage seniors and those with health conditions to follow the original guidelines and only go out for essential services.

The governor has also mandated many of the limitations that come with our opening various services. He continues to stress the importance of maintaining distances, wearing masks in public and following good hygiene practices. His message and ours has not changed in that regard.

There are 160 known cases of the virus in Suwannee County, so the risk of getting the virus does continue. The greatest risk to the community is from a visitor, member or employee getting the virus while off campus and bringing it in. As we have seen, many people who are infected are symptom free. Thank you for your patience, it is difficult for all of us to continue to live and serve under these conditions. We are working diligently to balance the desire to get back to normal life with the mandates from the state and the needs of the community.

As always, for questions about your situation, contact your Service Coordinator. Our next scheduled update will be Friday, May 22.