

Coronavirus Update, Friday, June 5

Beginning today, Governor DeSantis has initiated Phase Two of his plan for reopening Florida. In Phase Two, some new businesses have reopened and occupancy percentages increased for others—however many restrictions do continue.

Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities remain closed to visitors so nothing has changed relating to Dacier Manor and Good Samaritan Center. Individuals age 65+ and those with underlying health conditions are to continue to avoid crowds and limit exposure to COVID-19. All people are now to avoid groups of 50 or more.

Currently, we are working to determine how Phase Two impacts what we are able to do at Advent Christian Village. Over the coming days, we will be determining what additional restrictions can be eased and what requirements will remain in effect. In any event, we ask that you continue to wear masks on campus and keep appropriate distances. The facilities remain closed to non-members.

We understand the desire of many to have family visit and the yearning of some to travel outside the local area. Travel is still discouraged, but understanding the needs of the community, the staff is working on a case-by-case basis to address needs. Contact your Service Coordinator with questions related to travel and visits by family.

As we ease restrictions and look at opening areas within the campus, we remind you that the threat of COVID-19 remains. Even though we know of no known cases on the campus, there have been six new cases in Suwannee County since our last report. Total cases to date are now 174.

Please understand that we are working diligently to balance the desires of getting back to a sense of normalcy with the mandates from the state and the special needs of many within the community. I know that for some we are not going fast enough, while for others we are going too fast. Our goal is to work in a practical and safe manner. For those wanting to move faster, we ask for your patience. For those with concerns, you are encouraged to take it slow and you should not feel compelled to participate in any activity that makes you uncomfortable. We are a big family here and we will continue to look to the needs of everyone.

Thank you again for your cooperation and as always, for questions about your situation, contact your Service Coordinator. Our next scheduled update will be Tuesday, June 9.