

Coronavirus Update, Tuesday, June 9

We continue to be blessed that we know of no cases of Coronavirus on campus among members or staff. In Suwannee County, there have been two new cases since our Friday report, making a total of 176 cases to date.

We have used the last week to evaluate the results of loosening some restrictions on campus. The results have been encouraging, so we are now making plans to ease additional restrictions and restart other activities. Pickle ball is now available on the outdoor courts for ACV members. Information on other activities will be in this week's Friendly Neighbor News and in Friday's update.

Currently the facilities on campus remain closed to nonmembers. By restricting access, we believe we can more safely open additional services for the membership, while limiting risk. This approach poses a challenge for the Church, however, so administration is working cooperatively with the pastoral staff to develop and implement a phased-in plan for in-person meetings. Pastor Sam alluded to the plan in Sunday morning's announcements and additional information will be coming in the near future.

Likewise, there are several new members who are facing challenges remaining in their current situation, so we are working on a case-by-case basis to facilitate a limited number of new move-ins to the community. These are being done carefully, with monitoring in place.

Due to state mandates, nursing homes and assisted living facilities remain closed to visitors. This creates a difficulty for our members at Dacier Manor and Good Samaritan Center so if you know someone there, we encourage you to drop them a note letting them know they are missed and loved.

In his Phase 2 order, the Governor continues to encourage those age 65+ and those with underlying health conditions to remain vigilant and cautious. The threat of COVID-19 remains, so we will continue to screen staff and visitors on campus and continue to ask staff, members and vendors to wear masks when around others. Also, please maintain proper distances and continue good hygiene practices.

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

Thank you again for your understanding during this difficult time. We all want to return to normal life and we will continue to work to that end by taking a methodical and planned approach. Our next scheduled update will be Friday, June 12.