

Coronavirus Update, Friday, July 10

Since our last report, there have been 149 new cases of Coronavirus in Suwannee County, for a total of 710 cases since March.

ACV has also experienced positive cases. Two employees from our Home Health Department tested positive for COVID-19 and one staff member in Good Samaritan Center remains quarantined awaiting clearance from health officials.

We have worked with local health officials on these cases. The employee in Home Health wore a mask for all member contacts so, according to health officials, the risk to members is minimal. Out of an abundance of caution however, we have asked the members served by the employee to isolate for 10 days.

Regretfully, in a completely separate case, we have had our first member test positive for the virus. This case does not appear to be related to any known contact at ACV. The member is quarantined and will remain so until cleared by health officials. The member lives in an individual dwelling and not in an apartment building.

As the virus spreads in this area, it is important that we do not let down our guard. We must continue to follow the guidelines. Wear a mask when around others, maintain appropriate distances, wash your hands often and clean surfaces with a disinfectant. The risks in the surrounding community have increased, so please limit your travels off campus. If you must go out, please follow the guidelines.

Currently, we do not have plans to scale back the services that have been reopened; however, the Village Barbershop is adjusting their hours. For these hours and for all other schedules, please consult the Friendly Neighbor News.

Remember, in order to participate in any Village activities, you must follow the restrictions that are in place. If you are uncomfortable being out, do not feel compelled to take part. Likewise, if you exhibit any symptoms of the virus stay home and immediately call your healthcare provider and then your Service Coordinator.

The community remains closed to non-members.

The state of Florida has mandated Covid-19 testing every two weeks for all nursing home and assisted living facility staff. The good news is that the first round of testing was last week and all results came back negative. The next round of testing will be in late July.

We understand the desire of many to return to a sense of normalcy, however, in this community that may take some time. It appears the virus will be with us for a while, so we will continue to work to limit risk while also being aware of the other needs of the community.

We seek wisdom from our Heavenly Father as we strive to make wise decisions for Advent Christian Village. We also acknowledge that God is ultimately in control and we ask that you continue to join us in praying for his protection and blessing.

Thank you for your cooperation during this challenging time. For questions about your particular situation, contact your Service Coordinator. Our next scheduled update will be Friday, July 17.