

Coronavirus Update, Friday, July 17

Over the past week, reported cases in Suwannee County have continued to increase, with today's report showing 863 total cases since March. That is an increase of 153 cases since last week's report. The rate of positive test results also remains high in the County.

We continue to have one member that tested positive and remains in quarantine, but is doing well. All the members that were asked to quarantine in connection with the home health employee have been released from quarantine. Unfortunately, we have an additional couple that has been asked to quarantine pending results from testing. Our response for Independent Living residents is being coordinated through Member Services if you have concerns or questions you should direct them to your Service Coordinator.

Staff and residents at GSC and Dacier Manor continue to be tested regularly under the state mandate. As of this update, there are no known cases in these facilities. The second round of testing for staff took place this week and we are awaiting results. Resident testing is scheduled for today in Good Samaritan Center.

In other areas of ACV in the past week, a total of eight staff members have been asked to self-quarantine. Five have received negative test results. However, three of those five have had additional contacts with positive cases and their quarantine was extended. Two have returned to work. The additional three staff members remain in self-quarantine. In each of these cases, we believe the potential exposures occurred outside the Village.

In all of these cases, we are working closely with health officials to manage our response to potential exposures.

As the virus continues to spread, it is important that we remain vigilant in our personal response. Please continue to follow the guidelines.

- Wear a mask when around others,
- maintain appropriate distances,
- wash your hands often, and clean surfaces with a disinfectant.

During this time, we are each called on to make some sacrifice in comfort and normal routine. As a community, we must share the responsibility to provide for the safety of our neighbors. Please be diligent in wearing a mask when you are not alone. It is at times such as these that we rely on our compassion, courtesy, and sacrifice as we work together for the safety of our community.

Our next scheduled update will be Friday, July 24.