

Coronavirus Update, Friday, July 2

The spike in new cases in the area continues. Since last Friday's report, there have been 201 new cases reported in Suwannee County, bringing the total to 561 since March.

We need to continue to take this pandemic seriously and encourage you to limit your activities away from ACV. If you must go out into the community, please wear a mask, maintain appropriate distances, and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after touching surfaces.

Here, at ACV we have had another part-time nurse at Good Samaritan Center test positive for COVID-19. The nurse has not worked at ACV for over a week. The employees of GSC and Dacier Manor continue to follow all of the protocols and procedures of the CDC and health officials and thankfully no other employees are exhibiting any signs or symptoms of the virus. Currently, we have two nurses who have tested positive for COVID-19. They are both waiting clearance from health officials to return to work.

The state of Florida has mandated that all nursing home and assisted living facility staff be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks. The initial round of testing is currently taking place and will continue for the duration of the executive order. We will aim to keep the community informed of the results.

Thankfully at this time, there are no known cases of the virus among the membership of ACV. Our efforts are to keep procedures and guidelines in place to limit exposure to Coronavirus. The facilities will remain closed to nonmembers and we will continue to screen employees, vendors, and others. We also require employees to wear masks when in contact with the membership. Again, we cannot reiterate enough that it takes all of us doing our part to limit the risk.

At the present time, we do not have plans to scale back the services that have been reopened. You must however follow the guidelines that are in place to participate in any programs or activities. You should also wear a mask, maintain appropriate distances, and follow good hygiene practices when out of your home.

We continue to ask that you notify your Service Coordinator of 1) any travel plans outside of the local area and 2) before having family visit.

All of us have a desire to return to a sense of normalcy. Please have patience and consider the needs of the community as you make your plans. We are in this together.

As always, for questions about your particular situation, contact your service coordinator.

Our next scheduled update will be Friday, July 9th.