

# Coronavirus Update, Friday, July 24

Suwannee County's Coronavirus cases continue to rise. Since last week's update, the county has reported 116 new cases making a total of 979 cases since March.

At ACV we continue to have one positive case among the membership in independent living. This is the same individual reported on in the last two updates. The person remains in quarantine awaiting two negative tests.

We also have two staff members at Good Samaritan Center and one employee in Home Health who have tested positive. They are each quarantined awaiting negative tests.

We continue to work with the health department on these issues and we are pleased that the risk of exposure from these employees appears to be minimal.

As the virus spreads in the surrounding communities and infects more and more people in this area, it is important that we do not let our guard down.

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.

Please limit travel. Lake City and Columbia County has become a hot spot with over 2,000 reported cases since March.

Currently, we do not have plans to scale back the services that have been reopened, but at the same time, we do not have a timeframe for opening up either. The facilities remain closed to nonmembers.

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

At Good Samaritan Center and Dacier Manor, we continue to follow the new state mandates and test the employees every two weeks. It has been encouraging that the vast majority of the testing has been negative. The only positive cases are listed above. Likewise, we have tested the residents and the results have been encouraging there as well.

We all want to return to a normal routine, but now is not the time to let our guard down. We will endeavor to continue to work to limit risk while also being cognizant of the other needs of the community. As we do our part, we ask that you do yours as well.

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

Our next scheduled update will be Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.