

Coronavirus Update, Thursday, July 30

This update is a day early to inform you of four new positive cases of Covid-19 on campus.

Over the past couple of days, two residents in Good Samaritan Center tested positive. One is in the hospital and the other has been isolated.

Staff is working with health officials to address and closely monitor the situation. All residents have been quarantined in their rooms and we have suspended all admissions at this time. This has happened very quickly, as all residents were tested on July 17 and every result from that round of tests came back negative.

We are also aware of two independent living members have recently tested positive. One received a positive test while in the hospital and remains there. Two other members who had close contact with the individual have been asked to self-quarantine.

We learned today of another member who also tested positive for Coronavirus who is also in the hospital. We are working to determine with whom this person has come in contact.

Be assured that we are working diligently to address these concerning issues. Extra attention has been given to cleaning the impacted areas and to isolate those with whom these individuals have had close, prolonged contact.

We have four employees who have tested positive, only one of which is new and that person is an employee at Good Samaritan Center. We continue to test employees at Good Samaritan Center every two weeks.

Since March, there have been 1,082 known cases of COVID-19 in Suwannee County. That is an increase of 103 cases since our update last Friday. Lake City is also showing a spike in new cases.

With the growing number of cases in the area, the exposure of staff and residents to those with the virus continues to increase. We are working diligently to monitor those staff members whom we know have been exposed and have them quarantine until cleared.

It is of utmost importance that we all follow the guidelines. Please wear a mask anytime you are around others that are not part of your immediate household. Stay at least 6 feet from others, avoid touching your face, wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, and clean surfaces often. These guidelines should be followed whether you are on or off campus.

We encourage you to remain in your home as much as possible, especially if you have a compromised immune system, respiratory issues or other health concerns. Do not feel you must participate in any activities but if you do, you must abide by the restrictions that have been put in place. Take-out options at the dining room and Village Grocer delivery continues. The facilities remain closed to nonmembers.

We will continue to work to limit risk, but it takes all of us working together to keep this community safe. Please make sure anyone visiting your home has been screened. If you are planning to have visitors, inform your Service Coordinator first. If you experience any signs or symptoms of COVID-19,

stay in your home, contact your healthcare provider and then your Service Coordinator. For questions about your situation, contact your Service Coordinator.

We will return to updates twice a week, so, our next scheduled update will be Tuesday, August 4.