

Coronavirus Update, Tuesday, August 18

The staff at Good Samaritan Center continues to work to address the outbreak of COVID-19 within the facility. Thirteen residents who had originally tested positive have now been cleared. Five additional residents have tested positive since the original testing on August 3. Nine residents are currently in the hospital. The infected residents that remain at Good Samaritan Center continue to be isolated on Camelia and Magnolia Neighborhoods while those not infected are on Dogwood.

Thirteen additional staff members have tested positive for the virus. Currently 18 employees are quarantined. The Department of Health is assisting by placing additional staff here to help.

There are no known cases of the virus among the residents or staff at Dacier Manor.

One independent living resident continues to test positive and remains in a special COVID-19 rehab facility.

Two independent living employees recently tested positive for the virus. Contact tracing has been done. Both individuals wore masks whenever they were around the membership and have been sent home until cleared by health officials. Out of an abundance of caution, those with whom these employees came in contact are being asked to self-monitor. No members are required to quarantine at this time.

We continue to work very hard to limit risk and it takes all of us doing our part to keep the community safe. Everyone—staff, vendors, residents and guests need to wear a mask when around others. Also, please maintain appropriate distances, wash your hands often and clean surfaces with a disinfectant. If everyone follows these simple steps, we can greatly limit our exposure to this continuing pandemic.

We are all eager for COVID-19 to be over, but the reality is that it remains and Suwannee County is considered a hot spot. Please, take it seriously. Since Friday, the number of infections in Suwannee County has increased by 140, for a total number of cases since March of 2,292.

Conflicting information regarding the virus continues in the media and the confusion does not help as we continue to try to keep the community safe. Be assured that our goal is for this event not to be political and our effort is, to the best of our ability, to take the information and set a plan to limit risk. Please, work with us and follow the guidelines we have set.

On a different note, we have been contacted by the census bureau for follow-up for Village members who have not completed their census information. We made an arrangement where they will be contacting those who still need to be counted by telephone instead of in person. So if you are one of those who have not been counted, you may be called by a census worker.

For more information on the virus, census or other issues, please contact your Service Coordinator. The next scheduled update will be Friday, August 21.