

Coronavirus Update Friday, August 21

Staff at Good Samaritan Center continues to work to address the outbreak of COVID-19 within the facility. We are pleased to report that progress is being made and currently we are down to 19 positive cases of the virus among residents in Good Samaritan Center. Six additional residents remain in the hospital and 11 employees of Good Samaritan Center have positive tests.

We still have no known cases of the virus among the residents or staff at Dacier Manor.

There continues to be one independent living resident who tested positive for Coronavirus and remains in a special COVID-19 rehab facility.

Two employees in independent living also remain out because of positive tests for the virus. These are the same cases reported in our last update. Contact tracing was done and both individuals wore masks whenever they were around the membership. Out of an abundance of caution, those with whom these employees came in contact were asked to self-monitor and have shown no known symptoms. Out of an abundance of caution, three employees are out because of contact with known cases.

Thankfully, the last few days has brought a slowdown in new cases in the surrounding community. Since Tuesday, there are an additional 25 cases. There have now been 2,317 cases of Coronavirus in Suwannee County since March.

With better news, we feel the need to stress that now is not the time to let down our guard. We will continue to work to limit risk and we encourage you to do your part as well. Everyone—staff, vendors, residents and guests needs to wear a mask when around others. Please be sure your mask covers your mouth and nose. Also, please maintain appropriate distances, wash your hands often and clean surfaces with a disinfectant. If everyone follows these simple steps, both on and off campus, we can greatly limit our exposure to this continuing pandemic.

On another topic, there are two developing storms projected to enter the Gulf of Mexico in the next few days. We are monitoring these storms as the National Weather Service updates their projections. If needed, additional updates will be provided on the telephone information line at 386-208-1770.

As always, for questions pertaining to your particular situation please contact your Service Coordinator.

The next scheduled update will be Tuesday, August 25.