

## **Coronavirus Update, Thursday, August 6**

This is the update we were hoping never to have to share. We have received results from the resident testing that occurred at Good Samaritan Center on Monday, August 3 and 55 residents tested positive. Certainly, this is very concerning, but at this time, we can thankfully report the vast majority of the residents are exhibiting only minor symptoms and are doing well.

Please know that the staff is working diligently to address this outbreak. All residents who tested positive for COVID-19 have been moved to Camelia and Magnolia Neighborhoods, while those who received a negative result have been moved to Dogwood. We continue to work closely with the Department of Health and the team from the VA remains here to provide assistance. We are most grateful for the recommendations and help they have provided.

The staff at Good Samaritan Center and Dacier Manor continues to be tested every two weeks. Currently, 14 Good Samaritan Center employees have tested positive for the virus and seven others have exhibited symptoms. All these individuals remain at home until they can be cleared.

We know of no cases of the virus among the residents or staff at Dacier Manor.

I want to publicly express my gratitude for the heroic effort our staff has put forth to serve the residents during this difficult time. Their true servant hearts are on display as they work extra hours and take on additional duties to ensure loving care is provided to these most precious individuals.

We know the challenges the virus places on families, as they are not able to enter the facility to visit their loved ones. We want to remind everyone we can still set up virtual visits by way of Facetime and Skype. Families are encouraged to contact Kathleen Johnson at 658-5573 to make arrangements.

In independent living, there are no changes that we are aware of. Two members who tested positive for the virus remain in the hospital, and one staff member who tested positive remains home until cleared. Out of an abundance of caution, a couple of employees and several residents have been asked to self-isolate due to potential exposure.

As we continue to address these concerning issues, please remember that rumors are not helpful. Our goal has been to keep the community informed through regular updates and we will continue that effort. Please understand that not everyone admitted to the hospital has COVID-19.

As we work hard to limit risk within this community, remember that it takes all of us doing our part. We continue to require the staff to take precautions and we ask that each member to, also. Wear a mask. They are required to enter certain facilities, to participate in any activities and many services like Village transportation. Masks must cover mouth and nose. Maintain appropriate distances, wash your hands often and clean surfaces with a disinfectant. These guidelines are important both on and outside the campus. As always, for questions about your particular situation, contact your Service Coordinator.

Sadly, the virus is here, but if we all continue to take precautions and follow the guidelines that have been put in place, we can reduce our risk substantially. Our success relies upon all of us. Your actions not only help you but your neighbors as well.

We will continue to work hard to address this outbreak, while relying upon our loving Heavenly Father to see us through. Please join us praying for this community and those infected with this virus.

During this time of increased cases, we will provide updates twice per week – on Tuesdays and Fridays. The next scheduled update will be Tuesday, August 11.