

Coronavirus Update, Friday, September 18

For the second week, there continue to be no known cases of Covid-19 among the residents in Good Samaritan Center. All residents who had not previously tested positive are retested on a regular schedule. The staff is also tested regularly. One employee remains out because of a positive test.

There continue to be many questions regarding the Governor's announcement that allows limited visitation to begin in long-term care facilities. Good Samaritan Center does not yet meet the criteria for allowing general visitors into the facility. That would require no new onset of COVID-19 cases in residents or staff for the previous 14 days. Hopefully we can meet the criteria very soon.

There continue to be no known cases of the virus among the members or staff at Dacier Manor. We are pleased to report that a process has been developed for visitation to begin at Dacier Manor. We must stress however that Dacier Manor is also under strict guidelines, so your cooperation is required. Appointments must be made in advance and anyone without an appointment will not be allowed to enter. Beginning Monday, September 21, family members can call Crystal at 658- 5552 to schedule an appointment.

Currently, two employees in independent living remain quarantined because of positive COVID-19 tests. Out of an abundance of caution, several others are out because of potential exposures.

New cases of Covid-19 continue to be reported each day in the surrounding communities so we strongly encourage everyone to continue to be vigilant and follow the guidelines that are in place. Masks are mandatory in many locations and screening is still required for staff, vendors and guests. Remember, if you schedule a vendor or guest to come to your apartment, you must direct them to first stop by the Information Center to be screened.

Since our last update, the number of new infections in Suwannee County has increased by 44. There have now been 2,563 cases of Coronavirus in Suwannee County since March.

The guidelines remain in place for everyone, so please wear a mask, maintain appropriate distances, wash your hands often and clean surfaces with a disinfectant. It takes all of us doing our part to reduce the risk.

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

The next scheduled update will be Friday, September 25.