

## **Coronavirus Update, Friday, October 23**

It is encouraging to report that there are no known cases of COVID-19 among the residents or staff of Good Samaritan Center or Dacier Manor. Good Samaritan Center residents and staff continue to be tested on a regular basis. Restricted visitation also continues in both areas.

The one resident in Independent Living who had tested positive for coronavirus remains isolated awaiting clearance from health officials. The other resident who was asked to isolate while waiting the results of their COVID-19 test has been cleared. However, we do have another member who is isolating while awaiting results of a test.

There is one employee in independent living who is also out because of a potential exposure awaiting the results of a test. This employee has limited contact with the membership.

It continues to be important for people to take the virus seriously and follow the guidelines of maintaining appropriate distances, wearing a mask and following good hygiene practices. As shown in this report, the virus is still active in the area and it can quickly spread if we do not remain vigilant.

On Thursday, the state recorded its highest number of new cases in many weeks. Here locally, we have now had 2,949 cases since March, an increase of 54 over the past week.

As you may be considering plans for the Holidays, we ask that you stay in communication with your Service Coordinator. We will work with you on possible family visits but again our goal is to limit risk through safe practices. Likewise, the staff is working on plans for our Christmas celebration and more information will be provided in the coming weeks.

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

The next scheduled update is planned for Friday, October 30.