

Coronavirus Update, Friday, December 11

This past week, one resident of Good Samaritan Center tested positive for Coronavirus while in the hospital and remains hospitalized. All testing of residents because of this positive test have come back negative. We know of no other cases among the residents of Good Samaritan Center or Dacier Manor.

We reported that an employee was positive last week and that person has now been cleared to return to work. Two other employees who were out because of exposure to a positive case remain isolated until cleared. We know of no other positive cases among the staff at GSC or Dacier Manor.

A husband and wife in independent living have tested positive for Covid-19. One is in the hospital and the other is quarantined at home. Both will isolate until cleared by health officials. All other members previously isolating have been cleared.

There have been no new cases of the virus among the staff in independent living. Only two of the employees previously reported remain quarantined. They will return to work when cleared by health officials.

We continue to experience a spike in cases in the area. Since our last update, there have been 141 new cases reported in Suwannee County for a total since March reaching 3,478.

More people are getting out for activities, gatherings and shopping so with this spike it remains extremely important for everyone to follow the guidelines, on campus and off. Please maintain appropriate distances, wear a mask, and follow good hygiene practices. It takes all of us doing our part to limit the risk.

There is much information in the news regarding the vaccine. Good Samaritan Center and Dacier Manor are in the priority group and we have registered to be a recipient. We do not have a date yet, but our hope is that it will be soon. Regretfully, independent living is not included in the initial priority groups at this time. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

As Christmas draws near, we understand the desire to participate in traditions and be with family and friends. We certainly want everyone to have a meaningful celebration of this special holiday. However, each of our actions has an impact on the community, so please be safe and follow the guidelines. In addition, if you experience any symptoms of the virus, stay home, contact your healthcare provider and then your Service Coordinator.

As a reminder, if you wish to have family visit for the holiday we ask that you contact your Service Coordinator. We want to work with you to ensure safety for the community.

Truly, we remain in this together and we thank you for your continued efforts. We all want this to be over but now is not the time to let our guard down. Please remain vigilant.

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

The next scheduled update is Friday, December 18.