

Coronavirus Update, Thursday, December 24

We have received some good news. Good Samaritan Center has been scheduled for the residents and staff to receive the vaccine on January 4th and 5th. The staff is working with the families to make sure all of the paperwork is completed so that the vaccine can be administered. If you have a loved one in Good Samaritan Center and have questions, please call 658-5550.

We do not have a definitive date scheduled for Dacier Manor residents and staff to receive the vaccine but we are hopeful it will be the second or third week in January. Regretfully, at this point, regulatory guidelines do not include independent living in these plans.

The two residents at Good Samaritan Center who had been isolated because of positive tests for Covid-19 have been cleared. I am pleased to report that all subsequent tests of the residents have come back negative. Should there continue to be no new cases of the virus among the residents, visitation will be able to resume for Dogwood and Magnolia on December 31.

Due to the high positivity rate in Suwannee County, the mandate continues for employees of Good Samaritan Center to be tested twice weekly. We have had no new positive tests among the staff this week. One employee remains out waiting to be cleared.

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

In independent living, we learned of one new positive case this week. The member will remain isolated until cleared by health officials. One previously reported member remains in a rehab facility and will not return to independent living until cleared.

Two employees in independent living are also out because of close contact with positive cases. All other employees have been cleared.

It is exciting to see the progress that is being made with the vaccine, but the threat still exists. In the best of circumstances, the vaccine takes about 6 weeks to be effective, so now is not the time to let our guard down. Please wear a mask, maintain appropriate distances and follow good hygiene practices. Since our last update, there have been 155 new cases reported in Suwannee County, for a total since March reaching 3,769.

We remain in this together and we thank you for your continued efforts. We are to do our part but we also know that God is in control.

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

The next scheduled update is Thursday, December 31. Merry Christmas and may you receive God's richest blessings now and throughout the New Year!