

# Coronavirus Update, Thursday, December 31

Good Samaritan Center residents and staff are scheduled to receive the vaccine on January 4 and 5. The staff is working with the families to make sure all paperwork is completed so the vaccine can be administered. If you have a loved one in Good Samaritan Center and have questions, please call 658-5550.

Also, more good news, the state has authorized the vaccination of independent living residents in conjunction with assisted living facilities. The state currently plans to make vaccinations available to ACV independent living residents and all staff at the same time as Dacier Manor, in January 2021. The vaccines are in short supply so the plan, while authorized, may be subject to delays.

We want to strongly encourage all members and staff to take advantage of the vaccinations. This is our best hope currently for a return to more normal times. The higher the rate of vaccination among staff and members the better our chances of protecting those we serve and care for.

Beginning next week on January 6, we will start the process of registering independent living members and staff for vaccinations through the Member Services office and Service Coordinators. We will provide further instructions early next week.

We currently have no COVID-19 cases among residents at Good Samaritan Center. We plan to resume visitations by families on Monday, January 4. Family members should call 658-5550 to schedule those visitations in advance.

Due to the high positivity rate in Suwannee County, the mandate continues for employees of Good Samaritan Center to be tested twice weekly. There are currently three employees out waiting to be cleared to return to work.

One Dacier Manor employee is currently out due to close contact with a positive case.

There are no new cases in independent living this week. One previously reported member remains in a rehab facility and will not return to independent living until cleared. All other members previously quarantined have been cleared.

Four independent living employees are out, one recovering from COVID and one tested positive. Two more staff members are out due to close contact with a positive case and testing.

It is great news to see progress with vaccinations, in the best of circumstances, the vaccine takes several weeks to be effective, so now is not the time to let our guard down. Be reminded masks are required to use Village facilities and services so please wear a mask, maintain appropriate distances, and follow good hygiene practices. Since our last update, there have been 195 new cases reported in Suwannee County for a total since March of 3,964.

Thank you for your continued efforts. We are all in this together and with the knowledge that God is in control, and if we all do our part, we will get through this time of trial. As always, for questions about your particular situation, please contact your Service Coordinator.

Happy New Year! The next scheduled update is planned for Friday, January 8.