

Coronavirus Update, Friday, December 4

Even though we are beginning to see an uptick in cases at ACV and in the surrounding areas, we currently know of no cases of Coronavirus among the residents of Good Samaritan Center. An employee of GSC recently did test positive for the virus and is quarantined at home until cleared to return. This individual had been wearing all the appropriate personal protective equipment so we believe risk to residents is low. Two other employees who have been in contact with a positive case will also quarantine at home until cleared. Out of an abundance of caution, all Good Samaritan Center residents are being retested today.

The Dacier Manor resident that contracted the virus in the hospital remains away from the facility. Over the past weekend, a staff person from Dacier tested positive for Covid-19. That individual and another Dacier employee who was exposed to a positive case are both quarantined until cleared by health officials. Again out of an abundance of caution, all residents of Dacier Manor were tested earlier in the week. We are pleased to report that all those tests came back negative.

We also have new cases among the staff in independent living. Two employees have tested positive and two others have had close contact with a positive case. All four employees are quarantined until cleared by health officials.

Out of an abundance of caution, three independent living members have been asked to isolate because of exposure to a positive case. These are in addition to the two members that remain quarantined because of exposures last week. All are being monitored by health personnel.

The increase in cases we are experiencing aligns with the increase in cases in the surrounding area. Since our last update, there have been 102 new cases reported in Suwannee County for a total since March reaching 3,337.

It is extremely important that everyone continue to take the virus seriously. Please, maintain appropriate distances, wear a mask, and follow good hygiene practices. Following these guidelines is critical, especially as we head into the Christmas season. Many want to be with family and friends and we certainly desire for everyone to have a meaningful celebration. However each of our actions has an impact on the community, so in addition to following the guidelines, if you experience any signs or symptoms of the virus, stay home, contact your healthcare provider and then your Service Coordinator.

As a reminder, if it is your desire 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 are all in this together and we thank you for remaining vigilant. As always, for questions about your situation please contact your Service Coordinator. The next scheduled update is Friday, December 11.