

Coronavirus Update, Friday, January 22

At the present time, we know of no cases of the virus among the residents of Good Samaritan Center, and they have been tested again this week. Our continued mandatory testing of staff based upon the positivity rate for Suwannee County has resulted in two more positive tests among employees. Currently, five GSC employees are out because of positive tests. They will not be able to return to work until cleared.

Good Samaritan Center is scheduled to receive its second dose of the vaccine on Monday, January 25. An additional release form is required for all participants. Family members with questions may call 658-5550.

We know of no cases of Covid-19 among the members or staff at Dacier Manor.

Vaccination of Dacier Manor and Independent living began yesterday and continues today. Once an initial hiccup was resolved, the process has run very smoothly and the response has been very encouraging. The second dose of the vaccine is yet to be scheduled. Information will be provided as soon as the return date is confirmed.

We continue to see an increase in cases of the virus among the members and staff in independent living. Therefore, we have extended the current level of restrictions for at least another week. For additional information, please consult the Friendly Neighbor News.

Currently, in Independent Living, there are 9 members who have either tested positive or been exposed to a positive case. Each of these individuals is isolating until cleared by health officials. There are also 3 employees who are out because of a positive test. Each is being monitored and will not be able to return to work until cleared.

Even with the first dose of the vaccine being administered, you still have the potential to contract the virus. Therefore, now is not the time to relax and let our guard down. On the local and state level, the virus continues to spike. There have been 161 new cases in Suwannee County since our last update, for a total since March of 4,670.

You are encouraged to limit travel and exposure, but if you must go out, please wear a mask, maintain appropriate distances and wash your hands often. Do not give up when we are so close; we remain in this together.

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

The next scheduled update is Friday, January 29.