

Coronavirus Update, Friday, January 8

Good Samaritan Center residents and staff have had the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine earlier this week. The remaining part to the two-part series has been scheduled.

Dacier Manor and Independent Living members and staff are currently scheduled to receive vaccinations on January 21st and 22nd. The process and dates are subject to changes by the State of Florida, as well as the private companies that are implementing the program. We will make every effort to keep you informed as any changes may arise. As you register for vaccination, doses are committed to you so we encourage you not to register with multiple agencies. If you have registered with the County Health Department, please do not register for the vaccination here at ACV and vice versa.

Our service coordinators have begun contacting all members to register you so please wait for that call. The clinic is not administering this program and cannot register you for the vaccinations.

We want to strongly encourage all members and staff to take advantage of the vaccinations that are being offered as this is currently our best hope for a return to more normal times. The higher the rate of vaccination among staff and members, the better our chances are of protecting this community.

Again, this week we currently have no Covid-19 cases among residents at Good Samaritan Center, and we have resumed visitations with families as of Monday January 4th. Family members should call 658-5550 to schedule all visitations in advance.

Due to the high positivity rate in Suwannee County, employees of Good Samaritan Center continue to be mandated to be tested twice weekly. Currently, five GSC staff members are out as a result of positive tests.

Dacier Manor currently has no confirmed cases of Covid-19 in either residents or staff members.

Unfortunately, in Independent Living, we have three new confirmed positive cases of which two are self-quarantined and one is currently in the hospital, and we have an additional three members that are quarantined as a precaution.

There are 11 employees out in Independent Living: 2 are recovering from COVID-19, 7 who tested positive, and 2 out for precautionary isolation and waiting on test results.

While 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 that masks are required to use Village facilities and services. Please wear a mask, maintain appropriate distances and follow good hygiene practices.

Since our report last week, in Suwannee County there have been 347 new cases reported for a total of 4,311 since March.

Thank you for your continued efforts, and for the prayers that are lifted up. We are all in this together and with the knowledge that God is in control and a conscious effort to do our part we will get through this season of challenge.

As always, for questions pertaining to your particular situation, please contact your service coordinator.

The next scheduled update is planned for Friday, January 15th.