

Coronavirus Update, Wednesday, May 13

It is a blessing to report that we continue to have only the one employee remaining who has not been cleared of COVID-19. All other staff and the one resident of Dacier Manor that tested positive for the coronavirus have been cleared. Likewise, we are unaware of any new cases of the virus in the community among members or staff.

We continue to focus on determining what restrictions we can safely ease on campus, within the guidelines set by the Governor. Due to the vulnerabilities of the community, however we will continue to go slower than the rest of the state.

That being said, we do have a plan to ease restrictions related to a limited reopening of the Hair Cropper and Village Barbershop. The Village Barbershop opened for members only today and the Hair Cropper will open next Tuesday, May 19. The two shops are available by appointment only and patrons are not allowed to wait in the shop. State guidelines require that there be 15 minutes between appointments for cleaning, and the hair stylist must wear a mask. Customers are required to wear masks as well. For more information, consult your Friendly Neighbor News.

We hope that by next week we can also open the dining room for limited, safely distanced dining. More information will be provided in the Friday update.

Please understand that even though we are able to ease some restrictions, there remains risk to the campus and we continue to ask everyone to follow the guidelines that have been set. We ask that you continue to follow safe distancing practices, good hygiene principles and we encourage everyone to wear a mask when they are out among others.

The greatest risk to the community comes from the virus coming in from a visitor from outside the community or a member or staff going out and bringing it in with them. As we have seen, many people who are infected are symptom-free. Therefore, we do not have a timeline for reopening the campus to non-members, including visitors and family. Currently there are 149 cases in Suwannee County.

We remain in this together and thank you for your patience and understanding. As always, for questions about your particular situation, contact your Service Coordinator. Our next scheduled update will be Friday, May 15.