



**COVID-19 UPDATE**  
**AND OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION**

*For Residents, Family Members, and Staff*  
**Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

**Cumulative Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines as of: 9/15/20**

No Cases\*

\* Please click [here](#) to read the 9/8/20 Update that explains The Pines' listing on the current NC DHHS COVID-19 Ongoing Outbreaks in Congregate Living Settings Report.

*As we shared last week:* The Pines' nursing and assisted living wings (including memory care) are licensed by North Carolina as a "combination facility" and therefore bound by specific rules and regulations. Because The Pines is currently listed on the DHHS report (noted above), it cannot provide outdoor visits for its Nursing/Assisted Living residents. In spite of the current restriction, some visits may be allowed for end-of-life circumstances and special care needs certified by a physician. Outdoor visits for Nursing/Assisted Living residents at The Pines may resume as soon as September 27<sup>th</sup>, if there are no additional test results positive for coronavirus. Outdoor visits may be scheduled in advance with the Health Care Activities Department, which can be reached at 704-896-1499.

As a follow-up to recent COVID-19 Updates that provided vaccine development information, the AstraZeneca/University of Oxford Phase 3 Clinical Trial has resumed in the United Kingdom after it was paused because a participant became seriously ill with a spinal cord condition.

While the resumption of that trial is good news for vaccine development, the U.S. National Institutes of Health has not cleared the company to resume the Phase 3 trials in the United States because NIH does not believe it has sufficient information about the illness that

occurred, or how the illness may have been related to the experimental vaccine and the side effects that occurred.

Meanwhile, pharma giant Pfizer recently announced that the Phase 3 trials of its COVID-19 vaccine candidate are going so well that it may be able to conclude by the end of October whether the vaccine meets the “safe and effective” standards required to move toward full regulatory approval and then production.

Because The Pines’ leadership believes the development of safe and effective vaccines is so important to curbing the spread of COVID-19, we will continue to keep you informed as new, important information becomes available.

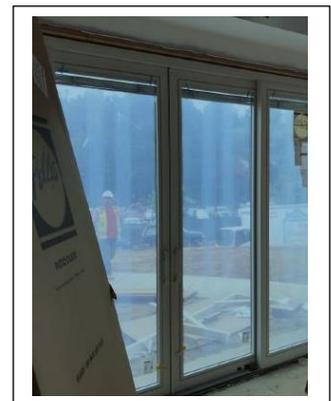
## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Construction Corner

Rodgers Builders has prepared the following report on its activities this week: [Rodgers](#).

Below are some highlights and photos.

- **New Nursing Wing:** casework/trim, door hardware and flooring installation continues.
- **Health Center South Wing:** layout of new walls, framing and in wall to begin.
- **Villa 1:** countertop installation begins; brick and siding installation continues; covered parking and corridor drywall work continues.
- **Villa 2:** elevator and trim install; painting continue; covered parking, basement wall and corridor drywall work continues; countertop installation begins.
- **Dining Phase 4/5:** HVAC work and electrical rough-in continues.
- **Davidson Room addition:** continued hanging drywall/framing walls.
- **Fitness Center:** final areas of framing and in-wall rough-in; floor leveling at existing Cardio area; hanging drywall begins.
- **Sitework:** pouring curb at traffic circle to loading dock.
- **Photos from left:** Assisted Living Dining Room renovation; Villa #1 Outdoor Parking; New Nursing Wing’s patio sliding doors.



## Tracking Your Mail-In Ballot

Thank you, Jennie Clifton, for sharing the following information: If you are voting by mail, you can track the progress of your ballot (received, accepted, etc.) here: [Ballottrax](https://www.ballottrax.com).

## Waited Service Reopening

Last night, residents enjoyed the return of waited service dining in a renovated dining room. Rack of lamb was the most popular entrée. Here are photos of “opening night.”



## Closing Images

‘It’s the Season of Spiders’ Part II: below are photos from a staff member’s garden of Southern Belle pitcher plants laced with spider webs and morning dew.

