



COVID-19 UPDATE

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff

Monday, May 18, 2020

Today we learned that a non-Health Center staff member tested positive for COVID-19. This individual is convalescing at home.

During this unsettling time, we are receiving many questions daily from residents and their families. While we aim to respond directly to those individuals as quickly as possible, we also try to address some questions in our Update, especially those related to practices The Pines adopted to reflect this unusual COVID-19 environment.

Recently, we were asked: “Why do the procedures and restrictions change so often?” Indeed, some procedures and restrictions have changed (such as the encouragement of mask wearing) and this has been done for the continued protection and safety of residents and staff. If we think back just to early March, COVID-19 was new and novel. Even now we are still learning about how COVID-19 spreads, the symptoms it presents, and even its asymptomatic character. These topics don’t even touch upon all the diagnostic and medical treatment variables. With each bit of new information, public health and medical experts are rethinking how to respond in ways that provide greater protection and safety to the public.

At the same time, other procedures and restrictions have been loosened - such as meeting family by a fence (*only when* utilizing safe practices). There were individuals already meeting this way despite our requests, and so guidelines were created for such meetings to be conducted safely and so that all residents knew about this option to be in touch with significant others. This shift also recognized the extended time residents will have to abide by restrictions and the increased desire for enhanced contact with loved ones and friends.

The more we learn, the better equipped we are to comprehensively address the many aspects of this pandemic, even if that means we have to pivot at times to meet current public health and community wellbeing needs in the best way possible.

New COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (5/18/20)

Non-Health Center Staff: 1 case

Cumulative COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (5/18/20)

Health Center Residents: 7 cases

Health Center Staff: 3 cases

Non-Health Center Staff: 4 cases*

*Includes today's new case

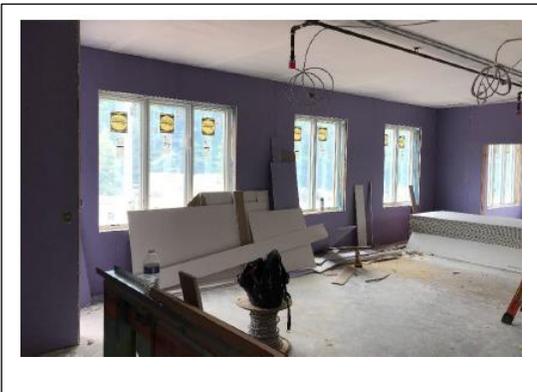
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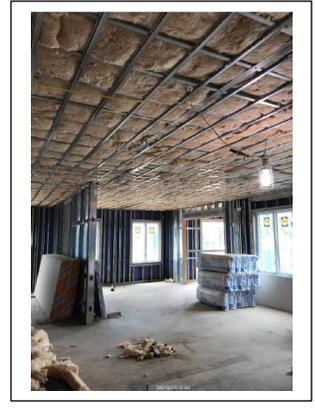
Construction Corner

The following are excerpts from Rodgers Builders' recent report, which can be found here: [Rodgers Builders](#)

- Nursing Wing: Second floor soffit framing is being completed; preparations are being made for permanent power and conditioned air; second floor drywall and first floor prime paint is continuing.
- Villa #1: Sub-ceiling insulation continues
- Villa #2: Brick wall install to begin pending a mock-up review; drywall install continues on first floor
- Phase Two Dining: Final painting and cleaning of space
- Fitness: Exterior wall framing and framing for skylight as well as water basin feature on roof are taking place; sheathing and air barrier of exterior wall is in progress.
- Davidson Room: Weather barrier installation continues; brick veneer installation will take place.

(Photos first row: Nursing Wing dining area, Phase Two Dining, Nursing Wing hallway; second row: New Game Room, Fitness Room, Villa)

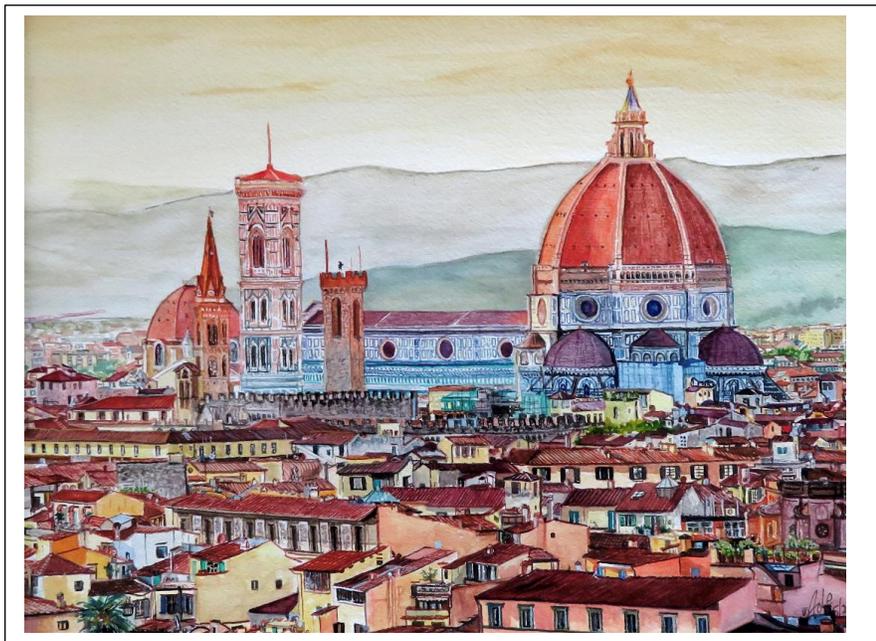




Reminder: COVID-19 Update Schedule

Our Monday/Wednesday/Friday COVID-19 Updates will include additional, helpful information such as our Construction Corner, entertaining or informative online links and resident artwork. A Tuesday, Thursday or Weekend Update will be produced only if there is important news to share to the community related to COVID-19 on campus.

Closing Image



Adrienne Pedersen recently completed this beautifully detailed and Tuscan colored painting of Florence. She includes the following reminiscence, one that may evoke memories for others at The Pines who have perhaps traveled to this Italian city:

“I have just spent the last three weeks mentally revisiting Florence, ‘the cradle of the Renaissance.’”

I first visited this extraordinary city as a young scientist working for American Science and Engineering (AS&E) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Our co-founders, Drs Bruno Rossi and Riccardo Giacconi had established a collaboration with scientists at Arcetri Observatory in Florence. Although we did not do much sightseeing, I still have vivid memories of group dinners held at local restaurants. After energetic debates between “Il Professore” and the owners, involving much hand waving and finger-to-lip kissing, enormous platters of antipasti and pasta would emerge, accompanied by large carafes of red and white wine. Fortunately, I was not driving!

Later, after my husband, Ken, and I got together, we visited Florence several more times. We both adore wandering around historic European cities, visiting the churches, museums and art galleries, and Florence seems to have more wonderful works of art per square mile than anywhere else. The cathedral in my painting is Il Duomo (“Santa Maria del Fiore.”) The little dome to the left is the Baptistery, known particularly for Ghiberti’s great bronze “Gates of Paradise” doors. In front, and slightly to the right, is Giotto’s ornate bell tower, and the great, red brick dome that gives the cathedral its name was designed and built by Brunelleschi.

Out of the picture to the left is the Uffizi gallery, which is crammed with wonderful Renaissance paintings, and guarded by a full-sized copy of Michelangelo’s statue of David. The original is now in the nearby Galleria dell’Accademia. Finally, out of sight on the edge of the square near the Baptistery, in my mind at least, there’s this wonderful little Gelateria that serves the most delicious, decadent, thick, creamy, liqueur-laced ice cream you have ever tasted.”