



COVID-19 UPDATE

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff
Wednesday, May 20, 2020

With summer almost upon us, some residents, eager to travel to visit family or their summer homes, are seeking guidance for returning to The Pines from a trip that was overnight or longer. Quite simply, if everything regarding our coronavirus situation is the same at that point as it is now, these residents would be welcomed back, asked to check in at Screening Station #2, and then go directly to their Pines' home to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Since this pandemic's evolution is unpredictable, our current policies will be modified over time, reflecting new information or revised regulations and guidelines issued by public health agencies. Because of this, we request that residents who are away for ten nights or longer contact the Director of Resident Services at least five business days before their planned return. This advance notice will allow The Pines to inform these residents about any pertinent changes in our policies and procedures.

As always, we ask that residents planning to be away from The Pines overnight give us advance notice. Before their departure, we will offer these residents information about how they can stay well "out in the new coronavirus world," how to recognize early symptoms of COVID-19, as well as those requiring urgent medical attention, and other helpful resources and information.

If symptoms are present when returning residents are assessed at Screening Station #2, they will need to immediately contact their medical provider and follow their guidance regarding testing and possible treatment. Regardless of test results, the residents will self-quarantine in their Pines' residence for 14 days, unless they are admitted for treatment off site.

Even while we encourage the wellbeing and safe travel of residents who decide to travel, **we are not recommending it now – for any reason.** We continue to believe that residents throughout The Pines are less likely to be exposed to the coronavirus here, than practically anywhere else. And nothing has changed regarding the CDC's classification of everybody over age 65 as being at high risk for serious illness and death from COVID-19. That one reality, along with valuable insight we receive regularly from our medical advisors, ***in essence, obligates The***

Pines to continue recommending - very strongly- that residents not leave campus for anything other than truly urgent and necessary medical reasons.

We recognize that “quarantine fatigue” is causing restlessness and a feeling of confinement especially with the phased re-opening of businesses and recreational areas in our broader region. We will apprise you soon of plans to enhance available activities at The Pines to make the summer months here enjoyable, as we continue to provide services in ways that help keep all in our community as safe as possible.

No New COVID-19 Cases Since Our Last Update

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

Health Center Residents:	7 cases
Health Center Staff:	3 cases
Non-Health Center Staff:	4 cases

*These cases were reported in our last Update.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Reminder: Recycling

As a follow up to an earlier update about recycling, due to the current unusual circumstances, we continue to ask that residents not place meal delivery food containers into the recyclable bins. Our culinary team would like to use recyclable materials, but due to the inconsistent availability from suppliers, we have to regularly adjust our inventory and not all pieces are recyclable. We will adjust our practices as circumstances allow. Also, while our contracted service picks up trash several times a week, recyclables are picked up just once a week. Thank you to all for your continued understanding.

“The Gardenias Are Beginning to Pop Out!”



Thank you, Bill Reinke, for sharing this photo from our campus of gardenias touched by the recent rain.

Recent Developments Related to Possible CCRCs Sales Tax

There are efforts underway in the North Carolina General Assembly to postpone (until January 1, 2022) the NC Department of Revenue's new tax interpretation of CCRCs as retailers, which would impose a sales tax on resident monthly fees and other services. Such a postponement would allow time for DOR to study the impact of this new tax on older adults living in CCRCs. Several advocacy groups, including LeadingAge NC and NorCCRA, are pressing for such a postponement. The Pines' Residents' Association is actively involved as well. Thank you to all for your previous letter writing and for your continued work to educate legislators regarding the nature of CCRCs and in doing so, help them recognize the heavy and inappropriate burden a sales tax would place on seniors living in such communities.

The Pines' "Farmers Market" Returns

The test sale of lettuces, broccoli and strawberries last Friday was successful! We will take advantage of the strawberry season by offering berries once again. Strawberries will be offered at the reduced price of \$4 per quart or \$1 per pint container. The quart is the typical grocery store clamshell container and the pint is enough for a hearty helping. If you want berries from Barbee Farms in Concord, provide Wendy with your name, unit number and desired quantity: (wtobin@thepinesatdavidson.org OR ext. 1454) **by Thursday at noon.** The fruit will be delivered next Monday afternoon. We prefer to charge your Pines' account, but you may also pay with cash.

Closing Image



Marcia Adams shares this photo and writes, *"The roses at the gazebo between the 600 and 700 villas have never been lovelier than they are this year."* Thank you, Marcia, for capturing the landscaped beauty at the Villas at Laurel Ridge.