



COVID-19 UPDATE

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff
Thursday, May 21, 2020

NC Governor Roy Cooper shifted the state into a modified, lower-risk version of his Phase 2 plan for reopening, which he has dubbed “Safer at Home.” Phase 2, which goes into effect tomorrow, Friday, May 22, at 5:00 pm, allows restaurants, hair and nail salons, and swimming pools to open at 50% capacity and with adherence to at least 6 feet of social distancing. The State’s modified approach is more cautious than originally planned, and keeps bars, night-clubs, gyms and public playgrounds closed for at least several more weeks.

As the state moves more cautiously toward implementing this important step, it does so with a continued focus on ensuring that the priorities of public health and safety are fully integrated into actions designed to rebound our economy and lessen “quarantine fatigue.”

The Phase 2 steps also take fully into account the need for continued vigilance to protect populations at highest risk, including all older adults. We understand our residents’ desires to take advantage of these greater freedoms. And we also understand that the state’s actions place greater responsibility on “we, the people” to make decisions that minimize our collective risks.

We look to you to maintain the sensibility and caution you have embraced the last two and a-half months, and to maintain your commitment to the well-being of every resident in your community. And you can look to us to be equally as cautious and thoughtful as we consider how and when to safely reintroduce activities that have been missed over these past weeks.

This balancing will not be easy, but continuing to protect residents and staff from COVID-19 across the entire Pines community must be our highest priority. For some, any steps we take to re-engage social activities won’t be enough and can’t come too quickly. Each step we take will be carefully assessed before the next step is taken. We believe you expect no less.

To be clear about one point: The Phase 2 reopening does *not* change the *very strong recommendation* from The Pines’ management, that *residents not leave campus for any reason, with the exception of urgent and necessary medical services.*

No New COVID-19 Cases

Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (5/21/20)

Health Center Residents: 7 cases

Health Center Staff: 3 cases

Non-Health Center Staff: 4 cases