



COVID-19 UPDATE

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

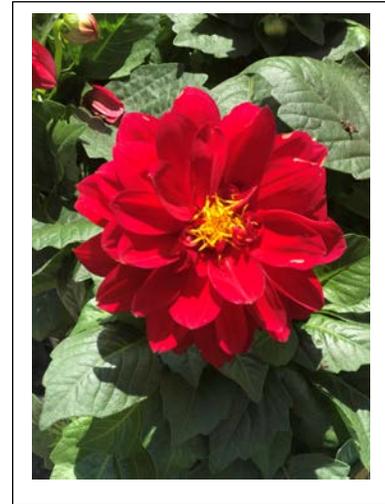
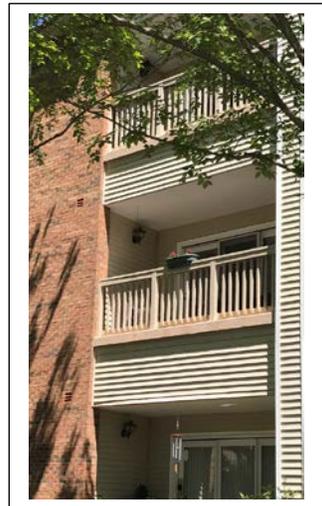
The pace at which new information, new innovation, and new revelation have emerged regarding COVID-19 has challenged our ability to filter and absorb this flood of new material. The last couple of weeks have been especially reflective of this deluge. As we have worked to peel back the layers beneath the eye-catching headlines, we have discovered what we believe are some promising insights to share with you today:

- **“Contact tracing”** has begun in New York City. One thousand “tracers” have been hired to contact individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, to build a data base of people with whom those individuals may have had contact. Depending on the nature of the contact, those people may also be tested for the virus and then isolated if their results are positive. Other large urban areas instituting contact tracing include San Francisco and Salt Lake City. As you recall, we’ve mentioned contact tracing in past UPDATES as an important element in controlling the spread of COVID-19. It is also part of the array of important metrics that will help states and local areas “re-open” in a safer manner. The results of a recent survey conducted by National Public Radio of all 50 states, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico show that there are currently 7,300+ contact tracers, with an expected surge to 35,000. Many public health experts contend that many more contact tracers will be needed, but it is, nonetheless, a good start!
- **Diagnostic testing** to determine the presence of COVID-19 in individuals is increasing in the U.S. Certain new types of tests developed by major laboratories around the country, including LabCorp, based in North Carolina, have been approved by the FDA and are starting to enter the market. Some of these tests will be easier and less invasive to administer, and quicker to process. This is welcome news to public health agencies across the country which have struggled to have sufficient test kits and related supplies to serve their populations. Testing is another important metric that states will evaluate to determine when and how to ease out of their “stay at home” restrictions. The total number of tests administered is one factor to consider, but a more relevant factor is the number of tests administered as a percentage of the population. Even as more test kits become available here, the U.S. still lags in testing behind a number of countries which have been successful in containing the virus and are now cautiously working toward restarting their business communities.

- The increasing availability of antibody tests is helpful in identifying people who have previously been infected by the virus. Because of the novel nature of COVID-19, little is known about the extent of immunity one might get from COVID-19, however, early studies indicate there may be at least some degree of temporary immunity. One particular research center feverishly studying COVID-19 antibodies is the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), a super-secret agency under the Pentagon umbrella tasked with research and development of new, emerging technologies. DARPA is credited with innovating everything from the internet to drones to GPS. Reports indicate that DARPA has isolated a small number of the most powerful antibodies to COVID-19 which, if injected with a certain genetic code, could help safeguard individuals who are among essential segments of the U.S. infrastructure including our military, healthcare workers, law enforcement, food processing workers, and the like.
- The availability of therapeutic treatments for COVID-19 also seems to be closer. Atrium Health is involved in a clinical trial, now in its second phase, in which virus patients from four area hospitals receive one pill every other day as a possible treatment.

HELPFUL INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Lowe's Home Improvement



We are grateful to Manager Cory Calloway of Lowe's Home Improvement in Mooresville for donating dahlias and potting soil for resident window boxes and patio planters. These lovely annuals (sometimes perennial) were recently delivered to members of our community. Residents wanting to thank Cory can send a note to address: Cory Calloway, Store Manager, Lowe's, 509 River Highway, Mooresville, NC 28117. Here are some notes we received from residents related to this gift of flowers:

I was so thrilled to receive the plants & potting soil-do you have an address I could send a Thank You to-it was such a meaningful gesture! Please thank your

coworker who was so instrumental in helping from the beginning. Your thoughtful teamwork makes beautiful things happen!!

I enjoy the flowers, thanks. Next thing to do is to decide where to plant them in front of my cottage. It will be good to feel soil on my hands again!

Thank you so much for the lovely plant and bag of soil! Both are so appreciated and now being talked about. Besides shopping at that Lowe's after we finally get out of here, how can we thank this manager for his generous donation?

What a delight to find dahlias on my porch! Please thank the Lowes' manager for making such a wonderful gift ... and of course, thank you for delivering them. You and your staff are awesome 🙌😊☀️

COVID-19: Davidson Stories

The Archives, Special Collections and Community Department at Davidson College has launched an initiative to collect responses to COVID-19. Members of the Town of Davidson community are invited to participate, including residents of The Pines. The department shares the following about this effort:

As Davidson adjusts to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are challenged to develop new ways to engage and interact with our community. The College Archives, which regularly collects, shares, and preserves the college's and community's unique stories, would like to document the experiences of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members during these uncertain times. We would like to invite you to share your COVID-19 story through original words, music, video, art, or images, regardless of where you are. Items may be contributed at [\(Re\)Collecting COVID-19: Davidson Stories](#) through at least the end of the calendar year. Not sure what to submit? We have suggestions on this [webpage](#). If you have any questions, contact [archives@davidson.edu](mailto:archives@ davidson.edu).

Meal Delivery

If residents have a question related to a meal delivered to them, please call ext. 2380. For example, perhaps an item ordered by a resident did not arrive with the meal. Please do not call the Culinary Business Office (ext. 1461), especially since phone messages left on this line are not checked during weekends.

If residents would like to know their current Choice Plan balance, please call Brittany Lindsay in the Culinary Business Office at ext. 1461. She will respond to residents with this information on weekdays. One can also request this information by email:

culinaryanddining@thepinesatdavidson.org.

NCDHHS Resources for Managing Your Health

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has helpful online resources related to managing one's wellbeing during these times of physical distancing. Their website includes telephone numbers to help those feeling fear and anxiety, as well as tips for building resiliency and strengthening one's health through exercise and nutrition. Here is the link to these online resources: [Managing Your Overall Health](#).

If you do not have access to a computer and would like this information, please contact our Receptionist at ext. 1100 and we will you with provide hard copies.

Closing Images

Rhododendrons are displaying their vibrant magenta colors on Mulberry Drive.



"All nature wears one universal grin."

- Henry Fielding