



COVID-19 UPDATE

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Today, we have two updates involving nearby communities we'd like to share.

First, we are compelled to pass on the difficult news that a Mecklenburg County CCRC peer of The Pines has two confirmed cases of COVID-19 among its independent living residents that were traced to off-campus medical appointments. The news of these new positive cases has, of course, hit that particular community very hard. But it also should strike every other CCRC hard, as well, as each CCRC community, like The Pines, cautiously and carefully considers how to safely loosen some of the COVID-19 guidelines they have had in place. We are navigating novel situations which are largely untested. Any decision and path we take is both challenging and uncertain.

If you question why we appear to be overly vigilant in how we consider each next step, it is because we are determined to do everything we can to keep the spread of COVID-19 from further touching our campus. We appeal to you to share in that same consideration and leave The Pines only when an in-person medical appointment is necessary. Any other reasons to leave our campus should be avoided. One of our own Pines residents shared that at a recent doctor's appointment she was so disturbed at the lack of safety measures practiced she wrote the physician a letter. As our nearby peer community has found, there is no safe haven away from The Pines campus; anyone you may encounter could be a COVID-19 carrier. We absolutely believe The Pines is safer for you than any off-campus location.

We also want to share with you our support of the Town of Davidson's new public awareness and engagement initiative that encourages local visitors to follow the three "W's" – Wear a mask. Wait for others to pass until you are a safe distance apart; Wash hands frequently. In case you have not yet seen the Town's communication, we include it here. You will also begin to see our own Pines vehicles promoting the Town's campaign as well. We are not surprised by this bold step the Town has taken. Since COVID-19 first gained traction in communities around us, the Town has been a strong proponent of encouraging strong public health responsibility as it worked to keep the community safe. We commend the Town for its continued attention. The Pines strongly endorses these actions.

Town of Davidson Launches Significant Mask Wearing Effort to Support Public Health in Town

The Town of Davidson announces the launch of its public awareness campaign to encourage residents, business employees, and town visitors alike to wear masks and help protect the public health of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Tuesday, May 19, 2020, the Davidson Board of Commissioners called a special meeting to discuss the town's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of this meeting, the board decided to strongly recommend that the public use masks in all spaces where social distancing is not possible.

To support this effort, the town created a public awareness campaign which includes:

- banners posted in public spaces to remind people of the three Ws (“wear, wait, wash”)
- signage for storefront windows designating that the business requires both employees and customers to wear masks
- decals to help depict proper social distancing spacing on Main Street, and
- car magnets to encourage neighbors to wear masks for the safety of our entire town and all our residents.

In addition to the campaign to strongly recommend mask usage, the town will also be implementing other solutions to help facilitate a safer environment in which businesses can operate and succeed. Over the past week, the town has added more outdoor seating with benches and round tables with umbrellas in several areas of town. Residents and visitors to Davidson will now be able to congregate with their families and friends while in compliance with public health guidelines. Additional trash and recycling cans have also been added. The town will be installing hand sanitizer stations as soon as possible in key high traffic areas of the community as well.



The Town of Davidson is taking these steps in order to support local businesses, protect the public's health, and also continue to stay consistent with public health guidance and the town's vision to provide a safe place for people to live, work, and play.

FYI: The Town of Davidson kindly provided The Pines with car magnets that encourage mask wearing. Please feel free to pick one up at the Reception Desk.

Additional Information

No New COVID-19 Cases

Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines as of 6/11/20

Health Center Residents:	5 cases
Health Center Staff:	2 cases
Non-Health Center Staff:	3 cases

Landscaping Update

You may have noticed that landscaping work has begun at our campus entrance in front of our Main Building and Poplar Meadows Lane (along the Greenway). Work on our Flagpole island near our Community Center will be completed by mid-June. Here is an image detailing this work: [Flagpole Island](#). Landscaping at our Entry Bowl (rendering pictured below) will be completed by the end of July. The following is a plan that provides more details regarding this area: [Entrance Bowl](#). Trees along Poplar Meadows Lane are currently being planted.

Landscaping near the Laurel Ridge 700 Villa, new Nursing Wing and Maintenance Area will be completed in August.



Resident in *The Washington Post*

Cary Johnston Townsend (pictured right, with her husband, Ed Townsend) is included among several profiles in a recent *Washington Post* article, which focuses on individuals living in CCRCs during COVID-19. Here is a link to this article: [Patient Voices](#). The following is a link to the accompanying video: [Selected profiles](#).



Cary is also featured in the last two minutes of a *Washington Post* podcast (a medley of that day's stories), which can be heard here: [Podcast](#). (Click on *Legacy of American Riots*; Cary

speaks in the last 2 minutes of the podcast.) Congratulations, Cary, for being a part of this powerful news article shared with readers throughout the nation!

Fifth Third Bank Request

Please remember to send bank deposits to their P.O. address and *not* the actual bank location. If you any questions, please call 704-892-4644.

Fifth Third Bank
P.O. Box 421
Davidson, NC 28036

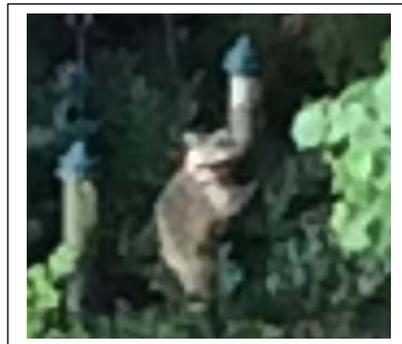
Restaurant Deliveries

A resident asked which area restaurants would deliver to The Pines. Many restaurants have partnered with two online delivery services, Doordash and Grubhub, to deliver meals. Here are links to their websites, which list restaurants that use their delivery service: [DoorDash](#) and [Grubhub](#). (You will need to enter our address or zip code to get a listing of participating restaurants.) We are compiling a list of restaurants, including Davidson's Pickled Peach and Soda Shop, that deliver on their own. We look forward to sharing this list soon.

Wildlife on Campus

Sarah Dyer shares this photo and note:

This was such an amazing sight...a raccoon on our feeder in broad daylight. Indeed, such determination!



Closing Images

Thank you, Eileen Mason, for sharing these wonderful examples of garden art at The Pines!

