



August 5, 2021

Dear Future Residents,

Due to the recent reemergence of the COVID-19 virus caused primarily by the new “Delta” variant, it has become necessary for communities such as ours to alter their safety policies. As you know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently issued new mask wearing guidelines in areas with substantial or high coronavirus spread, such as our region. Their recommendations were based in large part on the growing number of breakthrough COVID-19 infections (vaccinated individuals testing positive for the virus). Recent data indicate that unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals infected by COVID-19 carry roughly the same viral load, which is a key reason why mask wearing in indoor communal spaces is so important.

Many members of our community have been contacting The Pines regarding this new public health situation. The Pines has also been in daily contact with Board members, peer organizations, Residents’ Association leadership, and health experts to determine what policy changes can best protect members of The Pines’ community. As a result, we have prepared a comprehensive response, outlined on the attached document.

Effective August 16, 2021, we are requiring all future residents who wish to use The Pines’ facilities pursuant to the terms of their Future Residency Agreement to sign an acknowledgement indicating that they are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. This form will be available on The Pines’ website in the COVID-19 section and may be requested by calling the receptionist at 704-896-1100. Additionally, effective August 16, 2021, all prospective residents who enter into a Residence & Care Agreement for admission to Independent Living or to the Schramm Health Center must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 as an admission requirement unless they qualify for an exemption under state or federal law.

Thank you for your role in helping us safeguard all members of The Pines.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO