



COVID-19 UPDATE

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

New Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (1/20/2021)

Health Center Residents: 2 cases

Health Center Staff: 2 cases

Cumulative Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (1/20/2021) *

Health Center Residents: 10 Cases

Health Center Staff: 9 Cases

Non-Health Center Staff: 1 Case

** Numbers may change from those listed in a previous Update for reasons that include: the result of an individual's second test was 'non-detect' or the individual has recovered and met return-to-work requirements. The Pines is following CDC guidelines as to what represents an active COVID-19 case.*

A Note from Heather McKee, Interim President/CEO and Executive Director

After a difficult 10 months of worry and adjustments to new safety protocols, today's COVID-19 vaccination clinic marked a joyful turning point for our community. The Pines staff did a remarkable job organizing this initial clinic on very short notice. We are grateful our pharmaceutical partner, Omnicare/CVS, was able to administer the first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to 360 residents and staff of The Pines. We appreciate the expertise of those who developed this vaccine and for the medical professionals hard at work distributing it throughout the country.

We must remind everyone that the first dose of the vaccine does not prevent one from being vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus. Please do not alter any safety practices that keep our community safe from the pandemic – it is imperative that everyone continues to wear their masks, maintain social distancing, and wash hands regularly. We learned that Omnicare/CVS will require new consent forms to be completed for the administration of the second dose of

the Moderna vaccine, scheduled for February 17th. Information regarding these forms will be shared with the community as soon as it becomes available.

During this time of great hope, we remain mindful of Health Center residents and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19. Our Health Center team is dedicated to the care of the Health Center residents and mitigating any further spread of the virus. Again, we ask all members of our community – residents and staff – to practice consistent safety precautions to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

I end by sharing some wonderful news. Due to additional recent gifts, we have raised the \$110,000 needed to launch a Chaplaincy position at The Pines. Thank you for the many generous memorial contributions dedicated to the Chaplaincy Fund as well as for the endorsement by the Residents' Association of this program. And we especially extend our gratitude to The Rev. Dr. George Ramsey, who spearheaded this effort along with other dedicated members of the Support and Spiritual Concerns Committee. Their vision will deeply and long lastingly enhance the wellbeing of our community.

Closing Image

Many thanks to John Griffith for sharing his painting, entitled "Cardinals."

