



## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

### **Additional Report**

***For Residents, Family Members, and Staff***  
**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

Late this afternoon, we learned that a member of The Pines' Culinary staff tested positive for COVID-19. This individual last worked at The Pines on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and was tested later that day. The individual is exhibiting no symptoms and is recuperating at home.

Because we were informed about this case mid-way through the first dinner seating today, we cancelled the second seating and are requesting that culinary staff members get tested for COVID-19. All culinary staff are masked with KN95 masks while working at The Pines.

We recognize that residents may be concerned about food deliveries from our culinary department. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "*Currently, there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food. Before preparing or eating food, it is important to always [wash your hands](#) with soap and water for 20 seconds for general food safety.*" The CDC also notes, "*because of poor survivability of these coronaviruses on surfaces, there is likely very low risk of spread from food products or packaging.*" For more information from the CDC about COVID-19 and food safety, please press this link: [CDC](#). Please know that The Pines is monitoring this situation closely.

**New COVID-19 Case at The Pines (11/25/2020)**

Culinary Staff: One Case

**Cumulative Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (11/25/2020): 2 Cases**

Health Center Staff (Assisted Living): One Case

Culinary Staff: One Case