



**COVID-19 UPDATE**  
**AND OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION**

***For Residents, Family Members, and Staff***  
**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

We learned today that a Health Center staff member (Nursing) tested positive for COVID-19. She was tested on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The staff member is at home and following the guidance of her medical provider.

**New COVID-19 Case at The Pines (12/1/2020):**

Health Center (Nursing): 1 case

**Cumulative Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (12/1/2020):**

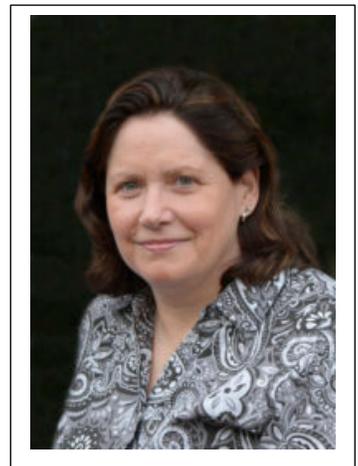
Health Center: 3 cases

Non-Health Center: 1 case

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

Thank you for welcoming me to The Pines as your Interim President/CEO and Executive Director during this challenging but also deeply meaningful time. I look forward to guiding The Pines during the next few months, as it continues to navigate COVID-19, prepares for new leadership, and celebrates joyful holidays.

Yesterday, I toured the new nursing wing as well as the almost completed Poplar Hill Villas, dining venues, fitness areas and the new Davidson Room. The spaces were remarkably uplifting - photos do not convey the areas' airy spaciousness. All these settings will soon greatly enhance our community's experience here.



So many of you – residents and staff - have helped to create and shape The Pines over the years. And some of you just joined our community – we are glad you are here! As a graduate of Davidson College and resident here in Town, the Pines holds a special place in my heart. I am grateful for the visionary founders and current Directors, dedicated and caring staff, and the wonderful residents who make the Pines such an outstanding place to live and serve.

In the coming weeks, we will find opportunities to engage together in conversations - by phone, video, or in-person - so that I can help meet the needs of this community during this delicate time of transition. I am here to listen, guide, and help prepare our community for the promise that next year brings.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **CONSTRUCTION ON CAMPUS THIS WEEK**

You may have noticed that the Resident Art and Graffiti wall on the second floor of the Jetton Community Center is being removed. Great progress is being made in the construction of the new Davidson Room and Game Room in that area. We will miss these delightful creative expressions by members of the Pines community. Resident Bill Reinke, with the help of dining staff member Jacob Boatsman, created a delightful video of this wall, which you can watch by clicking here: [Wall](#)

The following construction will also impact residents soon: the hallway in front of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathrooms will be closed for a couple of weeks while finish work is being completed in that area. We are hoping to reopen these bathrooms as soon as possible. Residents arriving for waited-service dining will enter the dining room through a new entryway that will be created at the end of the temporary wall that is located across from the staircase/elevator.

Additionally, the hallway between the kitchen and Assisted Living wing will be closed for several weeks to accommodate construction related to the new pub and rooftop terrace.

#### **COVID-19 GUIDANCE**

With COVID-19 cases rising in North Carolina, Governor Roy Cooper issued an Executive Order (No. 180) on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, which tightens mask requirements and enforcement. The Executive Order will run through December 11<sup>th</sup>. To read more about this important safety measure, please click here: [Mask Requirements](#)

If a resident or staff member celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday with extended family, we hope you had an enjoyable visit. We encourage you, however, to monitor and act quickly if you experience any COVID-19 symptoms. Residents who left campus should self-quarantine for a 14-day period.

## A BURST OF COLOR

We thank Rich Dynesius, a future resident of the Villas at Poplar Hill, for sharing this photo of his sister's Christmas cactus, in full bloom with delightful holiday colors.



## CONTINUUM UPDATE

Continuum technicians visited the Cottages as well as Villas in Laurel Ridge and Hickory Crest on Monday (11/30). On Tuesday (12/1), they visited some apartments in the Main Building on Tuesday and will continue to work there on Wednesday.

Since Continuum is ahead of schedule and will most likely finish the Main Building this Thursday (12/3), they will return to the Cottages and Laurel Ridge/Hickory Crest Villas on Thursday (12/3) and Friday (12/4) if residents were not home during their initial effort to visit.

All Independent Living residences will be visited by a Continuum tech during the listed timeframe, but a technician might arrive early if visits are brief (which has been the situation, thus far). If devices have previously been upgraded on all tv's then no additional service is needed at this time and the visit will be very short!

Also, please ask the Continuum technician to review how to use the new remote and address any other concerns you may have. It may be helpful to practice using the remote a few times together with the Continuum representative.

### **Tuesday (12/1) – Thursday (12/3)**

#### **Main Building** (Units 101 - 369)

First floor (Units 101 – 148)

Second floor (Units 200 – 269)

Third floor (Units 301 – 369)

**Techs will visit any units missed in the Villas on Thursday (12/3) – Friday (12/4).**

**Villas at Laurel Ridge** (Units 601 – 712)

**Villas at Hickory Crest** (Units 801 – 912)

Continuum Customer Service will also be on site next Monday (12/7) in the Community Center Living Room between 9:30am and 1:30pm. You can visit the table to ask questions about your account and upgrading services. If you did not have all your tv's upgraded during the previous week, Continuum will be able to install the upgrade devices that Monday (12/7).

**CLOSING IMAGE: Night Sky Azalea Court**

Many thanks to Paul Leonard who sent this photo taken during a beautiful evening sunset outside the Azalea Court cottages.

