



## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

### **AND OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION**

***For Residents, Family Members, and Staff***

**Thursday, December 24, 2020**

We learned today that a member of our Health Center staff (Purcell wing) tested positive for COVID-19. This individual is exhibiting no symptoms (other than some fatigue) and was sent home today when the test results were received. This staff member was tested on 12/22. All Health Center residents will be tested today.

Due to the high COVID-19 positivity rates in our area, The Pines is conducting twice a week COVID-19 testing of its Health Center residents and staff at this time. As is required by state guidelines, due to today's new COVID-19 case in our Health Center, indoor visitations with our Health Center residents will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>. This date would need to change if there are additional COVID-19 Health Center resident or staff cases after today.

We also wanted to share the most recent NC Department of Health and Humans Services COVID-19 Outbreak in Congregate Living Settings report, which includes the 25 CCRCs in North Carolina that are currently experiencing an outbreak. Please click here if you would like to review it: [DHHS](#)

Please know that we are monitoring the current COVID-19 situation in our area closely. Thank you for your help, too, to keep our campus as safe as possible for all members of our community.

**New Active COVID-19 Case at The Pines (12/24/2020)**

Health Center Staff: 1 Case

**Cumulative Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (12/24/2020)**

Health Center Staff: 3 Cases

Non-Health Center Staff: 1 Case

Independent Living Resident: 1 Case

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

These are challenging times for all of us and so, it was a welcome reprieve to engage in some fun together earlier this week. The staff had such a delightful time during Tuesday's first Pines' Holiday Parade. It was wonderful to see residents standing alongside Kimbrough Circle or cheering from their balconies as our staff traveled throughout campus, bringing holiday cheer to the community. From the Grinch to festive Presents, to Santa's Elves, Charlie Brown, Santa's Workshop, and Rudolph to Santa himself, our wonderful staff went all out to share the joy of the season with creativity and flair!



Not only did I enjoy "leading" this effort, but my Grand Marshall golf cart was equipped with a camera. Many thanks to Jane Campbell who produced the following two videos of our parade, the first showcasing our campus and the second, capturing images of all its parade participants on this joyful day. Please click here to enjoy: [Sneak Peek](#) and [Parade](#).

Our Director of Physical Plant, Scott Chinery, also shared a video of staff as they pass by the Hickory Crest Villas. Please click here to view: [HCV Parade](#). Yes, that is Scott in a holiday jester suit along with other staff, waving and enjoying this time together. And we extend our special thanks to Wendy Tobin, who orchestrated a memorable event that lifted so many people's spirits. NewsofDavidson has created a great compilation of parade photos - please click here to see them: [Parade Photos](#)



While Christmas Eve will be different for those in our community who celebrate this special holiday tonight, the most meaningful gifts of the season have never been more evident. Gifts of inclusion, hospitality, camaraderie, and commitment to each other affirm the most important elements of The Pines' community – tonight, tomorrow and in all the days to come. I wish you a peaceful and merry Christmas.

### **ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND INFORMATION**

#### **Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dates**

The dates provided in yesterday's COVID-19 report for the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine (January 14<sup>th</sup>, January 20<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 17<sup>th</sup>) still need to be finalized by CVS. We will update the community promptly should these dates change.

## Christmas Stocking

John Griffith shared a photo (right) of a Christmas stocking made by Whit Whitney, which he needlepointed for his great grandson, Jack.

John writes, *"This would be really hard to do at any age. However, since Whit is 98, I think it should win a national prize!"*

Residents may also remember Whit's display of masterfully created needlepoint pieces during last summer's outdoor Art Crawl. (photo below)



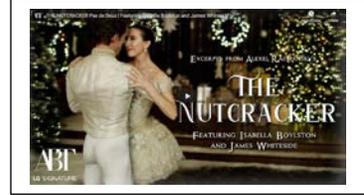
## A Sampling of Photos from the Holiday Parade



## Holiday Viewing

Here are links to some free holiday performances that you may enjoy:

- The American Ballet Theater offers a 10-minute video with selections from the Nutcracker with performances by Isabella Boylston and James Whiteside. Click here to view: [ABT](#) (There may be some advertisements before this performance begins.)
- The Mormon Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square is airing a 2019 performance with Hugh Bonneville (of Downton Abbey fame), who narrates the story behind the writing of the hymn “All Is Well With My Soul”. Click here to view: [All Is Well](#)
- The St. Olaf Music Ensembles has prepared a video celebrating the Advent Christmas Epiphany season with highlights from past performances entitled ‘All Earth is Hopeful.’ To view, click here: [St. Olaf Choir](#)



## Closing Image

We thank John Van Order for sharing this magical photo of The Pines' entrance, which he took after a snowfall a number of years ago. Best wishes to all during this holiday season!

