



## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

***For Residents, Family Members, and Staff***  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

*We are publishing our weekly COVID-19 Update today (rather than on Wednesday) in preparation for tomorrow's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at The Pines.*

**Cumulative Active COVID-19 Cases at The Pines (2/16/2021)**

Health Center Residents: 1 Case

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

Tomorrow's vaccination clinic at The Pines will be a joyful day for our community. Three hundred and sixty residents and staff will receive their second Moderna dose, and additional 'first' vaccine shots will also be available to those in our community who did not participate in our January clinic. We are grateful to the many members of The Pines' staff who have been working diligently to orchestrate these clinics, especially Amy Craven, our Director of Nursing, and Rebecca Johnson, our Office Manager. These clinics are major events that involve various logistical details. We commend the remarkably dedicated service our staff continues to provide for the benefit of everyone at The Pines.

If you are participating in tomorrow's clinic, I'd like to share a few important requests and reminders:

- Please bring the vaccination card that you received from the CVS pharmacist when you received the first dose of the Moderna vaccine.
- Wear a top with short or loose sleeves that are easy to roll up. (Do not wear a shirt that you would need to take off or sleeves that are too tight.)
- Arrive in the Main Lobby at the time you have been assigned. You will be directed from there to the registration area. Bring your own pen in case there are any additional items to fill out on your consent form.
- Logistics (such as CVS staffing) may change in the last minute, so we appreciate your patience if there is a need to wait prior to your vaccination.

- Be prepared to sit in a designated area for fifteen minutes after you have been vaccinated. A member of the Health Center staff will be monitoring this area in case someone needs medical assistance.
- Parking in front of the Main Building and throughout campus will be a challenge throughout Wednesday. If you can, please walk to the Main Building.
  - We ask Poplar Hill Villa residents to please park in the detached parking area behind their Villas to make room in front for those individuals who need to park close to the Main Building to receive their vaccinations.
- Please remember that the second dose of Moderna does not become effective until at least two weeks after this vaccination. We ask that you exercise the same caution as you have prior to receiving this second dose.
- Finally, health officials currently have limited information on how much the vaccines might reduce transmission. Until that time, we must proceed with the possibility that a vaccinated individual could unknowingly spread the virus to another individual.
- Health officials also do not know how long the vaccine protection lasts.
- With these last two points in mind,
  - Please continue following health guidelines, which include wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, and washing hands often.

As I shared yesterday in my [Monday Minutes](#) video, The Pines will continue to follow public health guidelines and the advice of medical experts as it plans for a safe re-opening of our community. Residents and staff have been patient and supportive for many months, and we are grateful that the vaccine will help us (cautiously) resume many services and activities enjoyed by residents before COVID-19 emerged.

Over the next 45 days, we also expect the new common areas under construction to be completed including a new Davidson Room, Marketplace Dining area, and fitness spaces. There will be many reasons to be celebrate! We will keep you informed as we get closer to these exciting new building milestones.

### **“Frosty Self-Quarantine”**

We grateful to Paul Leonard for sending this delightful photo of Frosty, who charms and amuses so many residents and staff in our community!



## Closing Image

Many thanks to Carol Barber for sharing this beautiful watercolor. She writes, *"I love birch trees and found this picture of birch trees in the snow. I decided it should be an early snow, so I put trees in the background that are still holding on to some of their fall color."*

