



COVID-19 UPDATE

For Residents, Family Members, and Staff
Saturday, May 9, 2020

As you are aware, diagnostic testing of all residents in our Nursing and Assisted Living Wings began this week when we were notified that a Nursing Wing resident tested positive for COVID-19 on Thursday, May 7. This nursing resident is continuing to receive care at a hospital. We have received the results of the testing of our Nursing Wing residents and have been notified that three additional nursing residents have tested positive. Their family members have been notified. The other 42 Nursing Wing residents (including residents of the Purcell Wing) have tested negative.

Of the three additional residents who tested positive, none had symptoms when tested. One was later transferred to a local hospital for treatment. The other two residents remain in our care in an isolated area in the Nursing Wing to reduce the risk of the virus spreading to other residents. This special, isolated unit within our Nursing Wing is equipped with comprehensive protective equipment including respirator masks, face shields and gowns. These individuals may be transferred soon to a special COVID-19 wing at Huntersville Oaks, which is intensely focused and equipped to care for patients with this virus. This special wing is managed by Atrium Health physicians, including Dr. Deanna Mangieri who oversees Atrium Health Senior Care at The Pines.

Atrium Health is providing diagnostic testing of all staff who have been on our Nursing and Assisted Living wings since April 23. We have received confirmation that one of these staff members has tested positive for the virus (despite having no symptoms at work), and the individual is currently convalescing at home under a physician's care. Diagnostic tests were also performed on The Pines' Medical Director, Dr. Ron Beamon, and Director of Nursing, Amy Craven, and both have tested negative.

Diagnostic testing of residents of Assisted Living continues and we will communicate those results when they become available.

Since learning of our first confirmed case on our Nursing Wing, we do anticipate that the additional testing may include some positive results. The contagious nature of COVID-19 is so

aggressive, even with the rigorous infection control procedures we have implemented, additional spread is not unexpected. Again, we will share any new information with you as it is available.

We are grateful for the comprehensive medical team engaged in the care of all our Health Center residents at this time and for the expertise and the guidance this team is providing for the wellbeing of the entire Pines community.