



To: Arbor Acres Residents, Families and Artists  
From: Andrew Applegate, President/CEO  
RE: Governor Cooper's Updated Executive Orders  
Date: April 5, 2021

As we continue the process of reopening, my team and I have been weighing carefully the updated Executive Orders issued by Governor Cooper on March 30, 2021. My goal is to ease up as quickly as wisdom dictates, following what has faithfully guided us since March of last year: the law, the science, and goodness and grace of God. Knowing that the nature of the COVID-19 virus and its mutations call for continued vigilance and a willingness to alter course should the facts and law so indicate, I am pleased to share these modifications to our current restrictions:

### **Dining**

Effective immediately we will increase seating in Lakeside Dining Room and the Arbor Room to 75% capacity. Servers will continue to wear masks. Those who dine in will continue to be required to wear masks except when they are actively eating. Once eating is concluded, diners will put masks back in place for the duration of the diners' time at the table.

The Book Nook will reopen as it was originally intended with beer and wine service and a bistro style menu soon after the completion of the Servery remodel. We will provide ample notice of the actual reopening date. In the meantime, take advantage of some of the new offerings available to you in this venue.

An updated version of Wine and Cheese will be available Fridays from 4:30-6:00 pm starting May 7. This is a modification of the previous schedule of twice per week. A free glass of wine and snacks will be served in compliance with infection control.

Beginning May 3, residents may invite up to two outside guests per household to dine in Lakeside and the Arbor Room. Reservations are required for the Arbor Room but not for Lakeside.

Private Dining Room events will resume with the following guidelines:

1. Lunch Service Only
2. 20 person maximum. Any groups of more than 8 will require a three-choice menu. Groups larger than 16 will require a set (one-option) menu.

Recruiting new artists has been a challenge. During the pandemic, as services were altered, vacant positions that did not need to be filled were allowed to remain vacant. It will take some time to return some departments like dining to normal staffing levels. We hope to provide more flexibility when those positions are filled.

### **Tomlinson Wellness Center/Wellness Activities**

I am pleased to announce that the pool hours will be expanded and capacity increased. Sign-up is not required for free swim, but capacity which will now be increased to 10 residents. Access will be for residents only. Access will be 24 hours per day through use of the fob. Please remember our policy that you must not swim alone, but have a buddy if you wish to use the pool.

Pool classes will resume in May. Please watch Wellzesta and the cubby stand for details. Sign up for classes will be required and limited to 10 people in order to maintain social distancing.

Fitness Classes have resumed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Masks are required; but you do not have to sign up. Classes are as follows:

- 9:30 am combination seated and standing aerobics class with weights
- 10:30 am standing aerobics class with weights

Chair Volleyball will resume on Thursdays at 11:00 am beginning April 8 in the Ball Room of the Tomlinson Wellness Center. Masks are required at all times, but no sign up is required. We will have two courts available and hands must be sanitized before and after play.

Pickle Ball will resume with courts and equipment available for residents to use at their convenience. Again, masks and sanitizing before and after play are required.

Volunteers will now be invited back onto campus. Volunteers must remain masked at all times. Volunteers will continue to be excluded from Asbury Place, Strickland Place and Arborview.

In-person events in Piner Hall will be limited. Theater style events will be limited to no more than 36, and masking and social distancing must be maintained. If you wish to use Piner Hall in another configuration, please contact Janice well in advance to allow us time to determine our ability to accommodate your request in light of the current restrictions.

Guest accommodations are now available for reservations for stays beginning after May 3. Please note that guests must be accompanied by a resident to use the dining venues. We will strictly enforce check-out times to ensure we can turn the accommodation for the next visitor. Please contact the Concierge Desk at ext. 1210 for details.

Effective immediately, the Welcome Center will no longer accept packages for delivery. Transportation and security personnel are returning to their previous roles, so they no longer have time for deliveries, and visitors can go to the apartments and cottages as they have since mid-2020. Please alert the Welcome Center at ext. 1205.

We ask that family members of Strickland Place, Asbury Place or Arborview residents please try to deliver packages during your scheduled visit.

I hope this list of modifications is a harbinger of things to come. We look forward to the rhythm of life returning to our community. I will continue to work with the Resident Council officers and the leadership team to assess the situation and make modification as deemed appropriate.