Happy spring everyone! Are you watching the weekly Community Conversations videos with Provost Joe Helble, held Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30? They're a terrific source of information about campus-wide decisions being made and the thoughtful, data-driven work of various task groups to inform these decisions. They are recorded so you can watch them anytime at Dartmouth's COVID-19 website.

PINE is Open for Business

Good News! The Hanover Inn's PINE restaurant reopened May 11. Their delicious "take out dining is available daily via the Snackpass app from 2-6 pm offering contactless pick up." PINE's employees are also working through the logistics to offer outside dining, soon after the NH State authorized date of May 18. We'll post reopening details here.

NPGH Applications are Strong

The Real Estate Office (REO) is in the midst of leasing studio and 4-bedroom apartments at the North Park Graduate Housing (NPGH) complex, and, so far, demand is only slightly off the typical 80% acceptance rate. During the first of two applicant lotteries, 30 students signed lease contracts. "As we prepare for round two of the lottery," writes Director of Real Estate Dan Justynski, "REO has received an additional 55 paid applications for the 40 available beds. It's nice to see students looking ahead" this year. It's no wonder these apartments are popular as they're adjacent to campus, fully-furnished, and all utilities and access to shared storage and laundry are included in the rent. Due to the stress and uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic, REO is adding special options not normally available in their leasing process. If, for example, Dartmouth's fall academic program is delayed, REO will delay the lease start date to the first day of the month when the academic program begins. This is a win/win for students and REO alike.

Congratulations to Megan Sandy

We’re thrilled that Megan Sandy will become the permanent director of Environmental Health and Safety, effective June 1, 2020. Meg has been working at Dartmouth for 2.5 years, serving this past year as interim director. She has her PhD in public health and 20 years of experience in EHS from the private sector.

Thanks to Implement TSA Survey

Thanks to the team last week who quickly implemented College-wide procedures to conduct daily health screenings, made mandatory by the State of NH, for all employees who come to work. Led by Meg Sandy from EH&S, a team completed the following tasks:

- Developed a web portal with back-end reporting for employees to daily record the results of a Temperature Self-Assessment (TSA) survey (link here and on COVID-19 site)
- Developed procedures for employees to take their temperature and respond to the TSA survey from home or at several on-campus sites
- Identified specific locations, equipment, and staffing for the on-campus TSA survey sites
- Developed and distributed communication materials for all employees to understand why, when, how, and where to conduct the daily health survey

The purpose of the screenings is to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and reduce the risk of exposure in our community. This will be particularly important as employees start to return to campus. Frank Roberts, AVP of FO&M, said, he and others are "discussing how FO&M services will ramp up with the majority of FO&M employees returning to work July 1."