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Landis Communities Update

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Each day team members are encouraged by the kind words of support we receive through notecards, emails and on social media. Thank you to each of you who continue to hold the team up through these kind words and through your prayers.

This is a journey none of us have traveled before. Our primary goal is the health and safety of everyone throughout Landis Communities. We are committed to doing everything we can to keep this virus at bay. There continues to be uncertainty about the future. We will stay the course and make the best decisions possible to protect each of you and those you love. We ask that you do the same.

As Lancaster County leaders and businesses decide whether to move the County to the Yellow phase of reopening, likely just a few weeks ahead of state guidance, we have asked them to consider the public health risks to our community.

Questions remain regarding if we are truly prepared to meet the community-wide need for personal protective equipment, for widespread testing/tracing/isolation and for the support that businesses need to open safely.

At Landis Communities, we are concerned about the level of risk that remains and the potential loss of life that could result, particularly in retirement communities and nursing homes, if we move forward too quickly. We believe waiting a little longer will save lives.

Across Landis Communities, we are currently without a known case of COVID-19. One Healthcare resident at Landis Homes was tested since our last report and that has come back negative. No tests are pending. We are so grateful for the health and well-being of residents, clients and team members throughout Landis Communities.

Thank you to the many generous donors who have supported the Coronavirus Emergency Fund established by the Boards of Landis Communities. To date, contributions total \$143,264 of the \$250,000 goal we hope to reach by the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

Affiliate Updates

Landis Homes

Thank you to all on the Landis Homes campus who are following the Stay at Home order. As shared earlier this week, the video and update on Friday will provide details of the Landis Homes plan for reopening. Next week we intend to create another drone video of residents waving from their balcony, porch or patio. Stay tuned to WLH for the date and time to step outside and wave.



Welsh Mountain Home

WMH is still COVID-19 free among all residents. We are using every precaution to prevent the virus from entering our building. We continue to screen all employees, beginning and end of shift. We practice universal precautions including handwashing hygiene, appropriate use of PPE, staff wearing masks, and residents wearing masks when out of their rooms and during care times, room service meals, increased disinfection of high touch surfaces and restricting non-essential visitors. These efforts are so important in preventing COVID-19 from reaching our residents. The cooperation of both staff and residents is so very appreciated. WMH staff have been so generous in buying favorite items that residents have not been able to get for themselves. This is making life during quarantine a little more tolerable!

Steeple View Lofts

Even as protocols change around us, Steeple View Lofts will be maintaining the highest level of precaution in regards to preventing the spread of COVID-19. As a reminder: Non-essential visitors in the building are strongly discouraged. Residents are encouraged to limit errands only to those that are life-sustaining, such as grocery shopping, required medical appointments, and socially distant exercise. Face coverings are worn at all times in common areas of the building, including hallways and community rooms. Hand sanitizer remains available in the lobbies and stairwells. Commonly touched hard surfaces are cleaned regularly. Residents are encouraged to connect virtually with family, friends, and neighbors.

Landis Adult Day Services

Landis Adult Day Services will be hosting a virtual (Zoom) meeting on May 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with interested Eden West Adult Day participants. This will be helpful in determining interest in a Virtual ADS where we will offer (2) 1-hour sessions of programming two days/week. Programming will include exercise, group discussions, trivia, inspirational stories and other engaging activities. It will be led by Adult Day Services staff.

Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning®

Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® has started delivering courses virtually through Zoom. Pathways Institute instructors Barry Gordon, John Maietta, and Roger Godin have invested their time into putting this pilot project together with incredible commitment, enthusiasm, and creativity. More than 90 participants have signed up from Lancaster County and the Capital Region. Four more presentations are scheduled through the end of May, as well as Movie Club discussion groups led by Roger Godin. So far, participants have responded very positively to these courses. One participant put it this way: "I enjoyed the three Zoom courses that I attended. At first I was a novice with Zoom, but with your help I began to get with it. Each course was better and John Maietta's was wonderful. Thank you." - Ed (Pathways Institute participant).

Residents, clients and family members may contact Jenny Sheckells with questions or concerns at jsheckells@landis.org or 717.381.3573. You may find other communications and videos on our website: www.landiscommunities.org/COVID

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