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Landis Communities Update

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In the Thursday, July 9, 2020, Landis Communities Update we shared information on the travel restrictions issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. As stated, these restrictions required a 14-day quarantine for any resident of PA returning from one of the 15 states on the list issued July 2. In conversation with a DOH representative on Friday, July 10, we received clarification that this was not intended to be a mandate, but a strong recommendation. The wording on the Department of Health website has subsequently been changed. Four additional states were added to the list this weekend – Delaware, Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma.

These guidelines, like many others issued since the start of the pandemic, are fluid. We anticipate that more states will be added and that further clarification may be issued this week, specifically for long-term care providers. If this happens we will further adjust our position, but the following reflects where we currently stand:

Landis Communities remain committed to continuing to follow the strictest guidance from all governing agencies for the health and safety of residents, clients and team members. We are grateful for the way many have adhered to protocols over the past several months in an effort to protect themselves and each other. Individual behavior has been a key factor in bringing us to where we are today with very few serious consequences from COVID-19. Thank you for doing what is right for the benefit of all.

We can't ignore the fact that cases of the virus are exploding in various parts of the country and it is important to not let our guard down. This recommendation from the state, though not a mandate, is based on the science of what stops the spread of COVID-19. We are all familiar with the other science-based guidelines of washing hands, maintaining physical distance and wearing a face covering. These should be practiced everywhere, whether one is in Pennsylvania or traveling.

For those who choose to travel to one of the listed states, we support the recommendation of the Department of Health but recognize that the means by which one can travel and the behavior they engage in while away can hold various levels of risk. Landis Communities will provide guidance through a questionnaire designed to evaluate exposure prior to a trip and help determine mitigation upon return. Team members will work with their supervisor to complete the form.

Visitors will continue to be asked about travel at screening, as it is a potential risk factor. Please have a conversation with anyone visiting from a hot-spot regarding their activities the past 14 days.



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Although we are weary of living life differently, it continues to be so important to make the adjustments needed for ourselves and those we care about. COVID-19 may continue for quite some time but it will not go on forever. We are grateful for your commitment to taking appropriate safety precautions wherever you are, and whatever you do, in consideration of your health and the well-being of others. Thank you for continuing to practice patience and grace and support for each other in a community of Christ-like love.

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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