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Landis Communities Update July 30, 2020

This weekend we transition to August – the sixth month of our 2020 COVID-19 experience. In these updates we have talked about change, isolation, anxiety and fear. But we have also shared stories of hope, comradery and unity. Our guiding values of Joy, Compassion, Integrity, Stewardship and Community have been tested but they remain strong and are being lived out in new ways. We are thankful for the residents, clients, team members, families and friends who have stood by us and supported each difficult decision. We do not know how much longer this pandemic will last but your prayers and encouragement have sustained us and each other. We are grateful.

Affiliate Updates

Landis Homes

- **Healthcare and Personal Care Reopening**

In-person visits for Healthcare residents began last week and Personal Care visits started Monday. Susan Paul, Director of Personal Care, shared that it has been beautiful to see “the smiles in their eyes” as loved ones reunite. As long as new cases of COVID-19 are not present, reopening plans can continue to move forward. We ask that anyone participating in these visits please adhere to the specific guidelines established for the health of both residents and visitors. Complete reopening plans for Healthcare and Personal Care are posted on the Landis Homes website.

- **Confirmed Cases & Testing**

Two tests have gone out since last report – one for a Healthcare resident and one for a Personal Care resident. The HC test is still pending but the PC test is negative. We are not aware of any positive cases currently at Landis Homes.

- **Wearing Face Coverings**

A reminder to all Landis Homes residents to wear face coverings when leaving your residence - this includes when walking in hallways or picking up food from a dining venue. It is true that my mask protects you and your mask protects me. Let us continue to show care and concern for each other by doing all we can to not spread the virus.

Welsh Mountain Home

The plan for universal testing was moved up from mid-August to this week when a regional response group arrived at the request of the Department of Health due to the most recent positive COVID-19 status of an employee. They reviewed infection control protocols and conducted testing for all residents and team members on Tuesday July 27th. Every resident and all but five staff were able to be tested. WMH is so very happy to announce that every test that was performed was NEGATIVE! Executive Director, Mona Frey, said, “This is a true blessing from our Heavenly Father and a testament to the amazing team at WMH who have been diligent in their infection control measures and wonderful care of residents!”



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Landis Adult Day Services

We are grateful to all who supported the Landis Adult Day Services golf event last Friday. Like many things this year, it looked and felt a bit different but those who came out enjoyed a round of golf and some socially distanced fellowship. Proceeds from the event will be announced soon and will support scholarships for ADS clients.

Eden West Adult Day Services is prepared to reopen on Monday, August 3, 2020. The staff have participated in training about the reopening plans and strategies to mitigate exposure to COVID-19. Clients and their responsible parties have also received reopening information and been contacted by staff about availability and their interest in returning to Eden West. We are looking forward to welcoming them back!

Partner Organizations

Children's Learning Center

In light of current challenges faced due to the Coronavirus, the difficult decision has been made to close the Children's Learning Center at Landis Homes. Currently managed by Bright Horizons, the last date of operation will be August 28, 2020. We are grateful for the chance to have served team member families as well as those from the greater community for more than 15 years. The necessary reduced class sizes needed for physical distancing in an already small location, made the efforts here unsustainable. We are disappointed that residents and children will not have the experience of intergenerational programming but this is not possible for the foreseeable future, due to the virus. Bright Horizons has pledged to work with families and their team members to find other placements. We appreciate their understanding and are grateful for the way they have partnered with us through the years.

Friends LifeCare®

All Friends LifeCare seminars are taking place virtually during COVID-19. The next Continuing Care at Home live webinar will be held Thursday, August 13 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

RSVP to Joy Albright at 717-381-3500 or reserve a space at [FriendsLifeCare.org/Landis](https://www.FriendsLifeCare.org/Landis)

Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning®

Registration for the Fall 2020 term of the Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® will begin on August 26. Those who choose the membership option at registration will have the opportunity to enjoy up to two in-person courses. A random drawing on September 15 will determine who will attend. For in-person courses, instructors will present to small groups gathered on-site following all necessary precautions. Group sizes will be consistent with safety guidelines for the host site at the time of the course. The course catalogs will be available on the Pathways website starting August 19. To register please go to [thePathwaysInstitute.org](https://www.thePathwaysInstitute.org) starting August 26.

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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