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Landis Communities Update **September 16, 2020**

What do boxing, babies and nature have in common? For Landis Communities team members they are examples of things that help keep them focused and living in the moment. With all that is happening around us it is easy to say, "I wish we were back in February" or "I can't wait until this is over." But God has a plan for us **today!** The team member who shared that she has taken up boxing, said it helps to clear her head and have more energy. One shared that being able to meet the needs of her young child is comforting and brings her joy. And for several of us, walking outside has not only been a way to exercise but a time to take in the beauty and wonders of God's creation. Each day – with or without COVID-19 – is a gift! May we all continue to live in the moment and keep our minds and hearts focused on our many blessings.

Affiliate Updates

Welsh Mountain Home

WMH continues to make the best out of a difficult situation. Since we have not been able to have our volunteer beautician in the facility since the COVID-19 restrictions, our team member, Mary Ann, has been giving the men a trim with the clippers and all staff have been helping the ladies with hairstyles that keep them looking their best.

Resident visitation is going well and we are thankful for our volunteer monitors who make the visits possible while staff continue to care for residents. Visits are still by appointment and limited to 15 minutes with masks, hand hygiene and physical distancing required.

Landis Adult Day Services

A heartfelt thank you to the ADS staff who have so graciously adapted to multiple changes since we have reopened. They are now screening the participants three times a day – when they arrive, at 1:00 p.m., and when they leave the center. They are cleaning frequently touched areas every two hours and each time clients move from one area to another. Their gentle understanding of individual abilities to remember social distancing and wearing a mask, guides them as they provide support to some who attend the center. They have been creative in adapting activities or offering new activities that meet the need to social distance and limit commonly touched areas. Next week, as we recognize National Adult Day Services week, we will celebrate each of the staff members and participants who make ADS possible.

Steeple View Lofts

Steeple View Lofts is grateful to remain free from any known cases of COVID-19. We have great appreciation for our cleaning staff Eva Stauffer and John Stauffer, as well as residents who also take the time to disinfect door handles after using common spaces like the deck.

Landis at Home

Landis at Home is grateful for caregivers who have provided unwavering care for clients throughout this pandemic! Serving clients and keeping them safe and healthy continues to be a priority, but especially during COVID-19.



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- **Confirmed Cases & Pending Tests** – Since last report, one Healthcare resident was tested and it has come back negative. We are not aware of any other residents with pending tests at Landis Homes.
- **Fellowship Week** –Thanks to all who were part of Fellowship Week! We hope you enjoyed the Ice Cream Social, Harvest Day, the Horse Power Parade, the Chicken BBQ and the Online Auction – all in support of the Caring Fund! Those who won auction items may pick them up at the Crossings Main entrance today from 5-8 p.m., Thursday from 1-5 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m. – noon. We will soon share the total amount raised through the event, but when the auction closed on Sunday, items had received an average of 98% of their value. Fill the Gap contributions have now surpassed \$100,000! The generosity of this community is incredible.
- **Dining Services Changes** – beginning September 21, the Owl Hill Bistro and Garden Café will be open for guests for Take-out only. Only team members and residents (not family members) are permitted in the seating areas.
- **Routine Testing in Healthcare** – Routine testing of team members working in Healthcare areas resumed this week, as directed by CMS. Based on the current amount of COVID-19 in the county, this will continue weekly for team members. If a positive case is identified, resident testing and more frequent team member testing may be required. Positive tests will also set us back in the steps to reopening and result in visitation restrictions. Healthcare is currently in Step 3.
- **Compassionate Caregivers** – The team continues to work on a plan for Compassionate Caregivers that is in line with the recent guidelines that allow this. The PA Department of Health is expected to provide further clarification soon.
- **Personal Care Reopening** – Personal Care is also now in Step 3 of reopening. The details of the plan can be found on the Landis Homes website.
- **Concert on the Green** – There will be a concert this Friday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m. on the Crossings Green. This concert is for residents only, no family members or guests are able to attend. Residents from Personal Care and Healthcare who wish to attend will be outside for the concert but will be assigned to certain seating areas with only those from their household. It is important that Residential Living residents refrain from entering the designated areas for Healthcare and Personal Care residents. We know this is difficult, but it will help to keep everyone safe while enjoying the concert.
- **Visitors to Residential Living** – As a reminder, **SCREENING IS REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE** who visits the Landis Homes campus. Please remind your guests that they must register at a kiosk and receive a name badge before coming to see you in your apartment, hybrid or cottage home.

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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