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Landis Communities Update December 11, 2020

We are bringing you this important Friday message because of new COVID-19 mitigation efforts released yesterday by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Governor Wolf shared that the following will take effect at 12:00 a.m. Saturday, December 11, 2020 and continue through 8:00 a.m. on January 4, 2021:

- All in-person indoor dining at businesses in the retail food services industry is prohibited.
- Outdoor dining and take-out food service are permitted.
- Indoor gatherings and events of more than 10 persons are prohibited. Churches are exempt from this guideline but are strongly encouraged to find alternative methods of worship or to enforce physical distancing and other mitigation measures at their gatherings.
- Outdoor gatherings and events of more than 50 persons are prohibited.
- All in-person businesses serving the public within a building or defined area may only operate at up to 50% of the maximum capacity.
- Indoor operations at gyms and fitness facilities are prohibited. Outdoor operations may continue, but participants must wear face coverings and practice physical distancing.
- All in-person businesses in the entertainment industry serving the public within a building or indoor defined area, including, but not limited to, theaters, concert venues, museums, movie theaters, arcades, casinos, bowling alleys, private clubs, and all other similar entertainment, recreational or social facilities, are prohibited from operation.

Other requirements related to schools and athletic activities were also announced.

Governor Wolf said, “With these measures in place, we hope to accomplish three goals: First, stop the devastating spread of COVID-19 in the commonwealth. Second, keep our hospitals and health care workers from becoming overwhelmed. And third, help Pennsylvanians get through the holiday season – and closer to a widely available vaccine – as safely as possible. This is a bridge to a better future in Pennsylvania.”

Regarding the vaccine, the FDA Advisory Panel has completed their review of the data and yesterday issued a recommendation to approve the Pfizer vaccine. It is anticipated that this approval will occur soon and distribution of the vaccine will then begin. As stated in the Wednesday message, Landis Homes will work with CVS and Welsh Mountain Home with Walgreens to administer the vaccine. The current understanding is that Landis Homes Healthcare and Personal Care residents as well as all team members will be offered the vaccine. Welsh Mountain Home residents and staff who choose to receive it will also have this opportunity. Details are still forthcoming.



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Today we must share some sad news. A South Campus resident who had tested positive for COVID-19 has passed away in the hospital. We will share more information as we are able, but for now, we ask that we all uphold this family in prayer.

The new Pennsylvania restrictions will change some guidelines for Residential Living at Landis Homes, Please note the following changes during the December 12 – January 4 period:

- **Crossings Fitness Center and Westview Satellite Fitness Center** will close.
- **Wellness Classes and Activities** will be limited to 10 persons, including the instructor. Reservations and screening are required.
- **Pool** will close.
- **Resident Led Gatherings** are suspended. Existing reservations during this time will be cancelled.
- **Dining**
 - In-person dining in the Owl Hill Bistro will be suspended beginning tomorrow.
 - The Garden Room will continue to allow limited seating for residents only who have need to utilize this area. This includes Sunday and Holiday meals. Reservations are not being accepted.
 - Take out is available in both locations for residents and team members only.
 - For delivery, call 3574 for the Owl Hill Bistro and 3048 for the Garden Room. A \$3.00 per delivery fee will be charged.
- **Visitors** – As shared Wednesday, Residential Living visitors are limited to one household. All visitors must go through screening and obtain a name badge.

We understand that these changes are not easy, especially during the Holiday season. As Governor Wolf shared in his statement, the goal is that these actions now will help stop the spread of the virus and allow all of us to get through 2020 as safely as possible.

Across Landis Communities, we continue to seek your prayers and support. We are extremely grateful for each of you who makes difficult decisions each day for the good of those around you. Wishing you a weekend of peace and hope for brighter days ahead.

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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