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Landis Communities Update

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In the Spring, just before Easter, we shared that although it would be hard to not gather for worship on Easter Sunday or to spend the holiday with family, it was not the time to do these things. We recognized that by forgoing these activities, we would all experience a true sense of loss. We encouraged everyone connected with Landis Communities to stay vigilant, to stay safe and to stay home. We shared that "it will break our hearts, but it will save lives" and "as Christians, we trust that this is but a season in life's journey and that God is in control of the things we can't control".

We continue to trust that this is only a season in life's journey and it will come to an end, but the recent rampant spread of COVID-19 in Lancaster County makes this holiday season more serious and dangerous than it was in the Spring.

On the Landis Communities team member COVID-19 call this morning, we talked about the things that bring us hope. One team member shared how spending time with her baby brings her hope. She said he has no idea of the pandemic being faced in the world around him and seeing his smiling face helps her and her husband leave the stresses of their day behind them when they come home. Others expressed that they find hope in the encouragement of residents and fellow team members as well as in knowing that God is with us!

The vaccine is also offering hope. As far as we know right now, CVS will be at Landis Homes Monday, December 28, 2020 for our first vaccine clinic! As part of Phase 1A distribution, residents in HealthCare and all team members on the Landis Homes campus are eligible to receive the vaccine. Those who are interested must register to receive a time slot. The list is then sent to CVS and they will bring only the quantity needed to administer to those on the list. We anticipate approximately 220 people will receive the first dose of the vaccine next week.

Landis Homes and Welsh Mountain Home are awaiting word on when Personal Care residents and WMH team members will be scheduled to receive the vaccine. Landis Communities is working closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and CVS (for Landis Homes) to understand and follow all guidelines for vaccine distribution. It appears that Landis Homes is the first Continuing Care Retirement Community in the County to be scheduled for a CVS vaccine clinic. We are extremely grateful and hopeful that the vaccine, along with the continued practices of proper hand hygiene, wearing a face covering and maintaining physical distance will finally bring this pandemic under control. Please continue to make the difficult decisions necessary this holiday season to keep those you love healthy.



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Affiliate Updates

Landis Homes

We have some good news regarding the vaccine for Residential Living at Landis Homes. Phoebe Pharmacy has been approved to administer the vaccine for residents on the Landis Homes campus in Phase 1B of distribution. We will notify all residents as soon as we have details. We are not starting a resident interest list at this time so please do not call the pharmacy or others until instruction is given to do so.

Universal Testing continues in Healthcare and Personal Care. In Healthcare, nine residents and four team members tested positive since last report. Personal Care had no positive cases among residents and one team member who tested positive.

We are not aware of any new tests for Residential Living residents. The two pending last week have come back negative. Please continue to stay informed of visitation guidelines and use your Activity Logs to track when you have guests or leave your apartment. You may dispose of the logs after one month.

Welsh Mountain Home

WMH is truly grateful to be in Step Two of the re-opening plan. This will allow for small group, distanced and masked short Christmas celebrations with our residents today. We anticipate entering Step Three of re-opening on January 4, 2021. This will allow for scheduled 15-minute visits with loved ones, as long as the county positivity rate is below 10%. We ask for prayers for continued wellness throughout our community and for the county positivity rate to come down, so that we can reunite our residents with their loved ones.

Mountain View Terrace

There are no known cases of COVID-19 at Mountain View Terrace. HDC MidAtlantic has closed all community spaces across their apartments to reduce chance of spread.

Landis at Home

Landis at Home does not presently have any clients or caregivers who are positive for COVID-19. We continue to have staff use appropriate personal protective equipment and good hand hygiene as preventative measures to limit the spread of the virus. We are asking our clients and anyone in the household in contact with Landis at Home staff to wear masks when staff are in the home and providing care in cooperation with Governor Wolf's directive. With winter weather already here, we also remind clients that they should have an emergency backup plan in place. We wish our clients, families and all a very Merry Christmas!

Landis Adult Day Services

Adult Day Services remains closed, as the most Lancaster County positivity rate is at 14%, 4% over the 10% needed for the center to reopen. All three ADS clients who tested positive for COVID-19 are recovering well. To our knowledge, no other clients or staff have tested positive. Adult Day Services wishes each of you a blessed Christmas.

Steeple View Lofts

Residents at Steeple View Lofts collected food and donated five boxes of supplies to Water Street Mission to safely support the community this holiday season.

Partner Updates

Lancaster Downtowners are not aware of any COVID-19 cases among our members. We are grateful for the care that people are taking of one another and the community by wearing masks, washing hands, keeping physically distant and awaiting the vaccine. Lancaster Downtowners celebrated the season with a no-contact cookie exchange, a cold evening around the outdoor fire at Pepper Theo Cafe, and will be virtually touring a cottage in Lincolnshire England.

Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® is wishing all a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to exciting enrichment opportunities in 2021, provided in a safe way. Join us on January 26 at a virtual kick-off event through Zoom to celebrate the Spring 2021 term. This will be an opportunity to connect with instructors and fellow lifelong learners. Please RSVP by January 12 by calling 717.591.7213 or emailing info@thepathwaysinstitute.org

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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