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Landis Communities Update **January 20, 2021**

Last evening we were reminded once again of the caring, wonderful residents across Landis Communities. We appreciate those who turned on their lights in a time of remembrance for the more than 400,000 lives lost to COVID-19, including 14 of our own friends and neighbors. Our hearts and prayers are with the families of these individuals. May they find comfort knowing their loved ones touched many of our lives. Images from Landis Homes, Welsh Mountain Home, Steeple View Lofts and Mountain View Terrace can be found on the Landis Communities Facebook page.

Today we join together as our country welcomes a new President of the United States. May it be a peaceful day filled with hope for the future.

This Landis Communities Update will not include individual affiliate reports but will focus on the COVID-19 vaccine and will introduce a new reporting system for the organization.

COVID-19 Vaccine

On January 19, 2021, the Pennsylvania Department of Health updated the list for COVID-19 vaccine phases and added the following groups to Phase 1A of distribution:

- Persons ages 65 and older
- Persons ages 16-64 with high risk conditions: cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD, Down Syndrome, heart conditions, obesity, pregnancy, sickle cell disease, smoking and Type 2 diabetes mellitus

For Residential Living Independent Living at Landis Homes, Steeple View Lofts and Mountain View Terrace residents, this means many of you are now eligible.

We recommend that anyone wishing to receive the vaccine take his or her first available opportunity to do so. As shared last week, the goal for Landis Communities is to have at least 80-85% of residents and team members receive the vaccine. This is the target identified by experts as the amount needed to achieve widespread immunity.

We are adding to the Landis Communities website today a list of any local vaccine clinics we are aware of along with available information on how to register. One of these opportunities, noted in this morning's LNP, is that beginning February 3, WellSpan Ephrata Hospital will begin offering the vaccine. Anyone with a MyWellSpan account may go on-line and schedule a COVID-19 vaccine. You must create an account to schedule on-line.

We are also continuing to pursue plans for affiliate on-site vaccination clinics for residents. Once these are scheduled, all residents at that location will receive notification.



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The Landis Homes campus held a second vaccination clinic on January 18 for Healthcare Residents and Team Members. A total of 68 residents were vaccinated – 43 with their second dose and 25 with their first dose. This is 84% of eligible Healthcare residents. Other than sore arms, few side effects were reported. Team member vaccinations totaled 248 – 157 with their second dose and 91 with their first dose. Anyone receiving a first dose will get the second dose on February 8, 2021. For team members, this represents 43% of team members on the Landis Homes campus. Some team members did report side effects, particularly from the second dose. Chills, body aches and fatigue were the most prevalent issues.

Tomorrow, January 21, Welsh Mountain Home residents and team members who consent will receive their first dose of the vaccine. Personal Care residents at Landis Homes will also be given the opportunity. The number of doses available to Landis Homes tomorrow was beyond the number of Personal Care residents so those in Residential Living who are considered high contact volunteers because of their work in the General Store, Mailroom or as shuttle drivers, were also offered the vaccine. Ninety-two percent of these volunteers will get their first dose tomorrow!

Attached to this update is a document from one of our guiding organizations, ECRI. They have compiled a list of 10 COVID-19 Myth Busters. We hope this is helpful in addressing possible concerns.

COVID-19 Cases and Deaths

Along with the regular information in these updates, Landis Communities will now publish a weekly report of COVID-19 cases and deaths among residents and staff. The hope is that this will provide a big picture of what has transpired to date as well as snapshot of what has changed in the prior week. This new document is attached.

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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