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## Landis Communities Update February 24, 2021

Much has happened in the past two weeks since our last update. Encouraging news this week includes the report yesterday that in Pennsylvania, all residents and staff in nursing homes and personal care homes have had opportunity to receive the vaccine. In Lancaster County, the positivity rate (the percentage of those testing positive) was below 10% for the third straight week. And across Landis Communities, no new cases of residents or team members have been reported since February 15. The COVID-19 tracking report included with the update today is for TWO WEEKS. It is important to note that the two positive resident cases and the two team member cases noted at Landis Homes were all reported between 2/8 and 2/15. We are saddened to share of two residents at Landis Homes who passed away after receiving a positive diagnosis. No new cases or deaths have been reported from other affiliates.

The severe weather across the country coupled with the limited supply of the vaccine has resulted in the delay of the vaccine clinics that had been scheduled for yesterday and today at Landis Homes. Phoebe Pharmacy notified us yesterday that they are working with Senator Aument, the new Deputy of PA's COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force to secure enough doses for residents connected to their locations in Lancaster & surrounding counties.

In the meantime, Landis Communities continues to explore other options for residents and clients in order to provide the vaccine sooner. One source has been identified that could secure a reduced number of doses, but they have indicated that the time between when they would notify us of the clinic and the date they would be onsite could be as little as 24 hours.

The Landis Communities team is preparing for this possibility. **You can help by notifying us immediately if you had previously planned to attend the Landis Homes clinic but have received or made arrangements to receive the vaccine at a different location. Landis Homes residents should notify Gretchen at ext. 3546.**

Team members are currently working to prepare the West Bethany Chapel to host the clinic. We are also establishing plans for how to quickly identify and notify those who will be scheduled for vaccination. We will begin with Residential Living residents of Landis Homes. The only fair and equitable way to select residents is to conduct a random lottery – no prioritization system will be used. Once we know the amount of doses, we will randomly number all on the list and begin calling to schedule appointments. Again, the notice could be as little as one day, so we will fill the time slots as quickly as possible. Landis Adult Day Services clients who will soon be returning to the Landis Homes campus will also be included.

If the available doses exceeds the number from these first groups available to receive the vaccine on the clinic day, a random lottery will also be used to order the other



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names of those currently on the list who are connected to other Landis Communities affiliates. We ask everyone to please wait for notice of a clinic and to wait for a phone call to schedule your appointment. We are committed to offering vaccines to all that have signed up to date. We will continue to explore all options to bring these clinics to the Landis Homes campus as soon as possible.

COVID-19 vaccines are strongly encouraged but not mandatory at this time – for residents, clients or team members of Landis Communities. The goal and hope is that at least 80-85% will choose to be vaccinated. As part of this update you will find the current data we have collected regarding vaccination rates throughout Landis Communities. These numbers include those who have been vaccinated, those who are scheduled and those who have asked to be included in a Landis Homes clinic. We are very encouraged by this initial response! Anyone seeking to learn more about the vaccines or to share their concerns are welcome to reach out to us.

Questions have recently been asked regarding travel. The CDC and PA Department of Health have not changed the guidelines issued in December. Still in effect are the regulations that say someone entering Pennsylvania – whether a resident or from out of state – must have a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours of entering the state OR they must quarantine for 10 days upon arrival. A negative test after entering the state can release a person from quarantine.

## **Affiliate Updates**

### **Landis Homes**

- **Testing** for team members working in Healthcare and Personal Care continues. Residents in both areas are tested based on regulations and as needed due to possible exposure.
- **Healthcare** – Manheim House is currently Yellow but expected to be Green tomorrow. Conestoga, the designated COVID-19 unit, is also Yellow for new admissions. All other HC households are Green.
- **Personal Care** – Aspen and Birch are currently Yellow but will turn Green on Sunday if no new cases are identified. Cedar is expected to turn Green on Monday. If this happens, all of PC will enter step 2 of reopening on Monday.
- **Residential Living** – An updated RL Reopening Plan will be distributed later this week. Changes to note that will begin March 1 include:
  - Guests will be allowed to take out food from the Garden Room and Owl Hill Bistro
  - Additional shopping locations will resume
  - Pool and Fitness Center Hours are being extended*Watch for details in the revised plan and on WLH.*

### **Welsh Mountain Home**

On February 19, most WMH residents and team members got their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. A few joined Mountain View Terrace residents and team members in receiving their first dose that day. Second doses are scheduled for March 19. We are grateful to HersheyCare Pharmacy for accommodating all team members and residents in both buildings who wished to receive the vaccine.

WMH is in the Green zone! We look forward to entering step three of reopening and welcoming friends and family for 15-minute, masked and physically distanced in-person visits beginning March 1. Visits are by appointment only and will be limited to times when a volunteer monitor is available. Residents at higher risk will be given priority for visitation. Please call Sarah Albertson, Director of Resident Services, to schedule your visit.

### **Landis at Home**

Landis at Home presently is not aware of any caregivers or clients ill due to COVID-19. Unfortunately, at this moment, we do not have a date as to when our vaccination clinic will be rescheduled. We will be in touch with those who were previously scheduled for this clinic as soon as we know more.

### **Landis Adult Day Services**

As the positivity rate continues to decline in Lancaster County, March 1 signals the reopening of Landis Adult Day Service! It is hard to tell who is more excited about that – the clients or staff! We have been getting the ADS space ready for action. Team members have been willing to help in many different capacities at Landis Homes but they are very glad to be back together and serving clients. Clients and caregivers were disappointed with the vaccine clinic postponement but feel confident that their turn will come.

### **Partner Updates**

**Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning®** – Only one more week until the Spring 2021 term begins! Join Pathways Institute this spring for one or more of over 40 courses, including the newly added lecture: “Vaccines: the History, the Controversy, and the Mechanism of Action”. Check out all of the courses and register today at [ThePathwaysInstitute.org](http://ThePathwaysInstitute.org) or call 717.381.3577

**Residents, clients and family members may contact Jenny Sheckells** with questions or concerns at [jsheckells@landis.org](mailto:jsheckells@landis.org) or 717.381.3573. You may find other communications and videos on our website: [www.landiscommunities.org/COVID](http://www.landiscommunities.org/COVID)

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# Landis Communities COVID-19 Tracking

**Reporting Timeframe: February 10 – February 23, 2021 (denotes NEW in below chart)**

	Organization/ Affiliate	Level of Care/Service Type	NEW Positive	Total Positive	Total Recovered	New Deaths	Total Deaths
Residents/ Clients	Landis Homes	Residential Living	1	20	17	0	2
		Personal Care*	0	28*	25	0	2
		Healthcare*	1	26*	20	2	6
	Landis Adult Day Services	All Clients	0	3	3	0	0
	Landis at Home	All Clients	0	2	1	0	0
	Welsh Mountain Home	Personal Care	0	31	25	0	6
	Mountain View Terrace	All Residents	0	3	2	0	1
	Steeple View Lofts	All Residents	0	0	0	0	0
Team Members	Landis Homes Campus (Includes Landis Homes & some Landis Communities)	Residential Living**	0	14	13	0	1**
		Personal Care	1	34	33	0	0
		Healthcare	1	67	66	0	0
		Other Campus Locations	0	0	0	0	0
	Landis Adult Day Services	All team members	0	2	2	0	0
	Landis at Home	All team members	0	11	11	0	0
	Welsh Mountain Home	All team members	0	9	9	0	0
	Steeple View Lofts	All team members	0	0	0	0	0

Please note: The above totals are based on reported cases/ results.

\*Landis Homes resident case totals include residents who were admitted to more than one area.

\*\*Team member deaths are based on knowledge of positive Covid-19 results only. We are unable to confirm team member cause of death due to privacy laws.

## Landis Communities Vaccination Rate as of 2/22/21

	Organization/ Affiliate	Level of Care/Service Type	Total vaccinated <u>and</u> scheduled to be vaccinated*
Residents/ Clients	Landis Homes	Residential Living	93.5%
		Personal Care	85%
		Healthcare	89%
	Landis Adult Day Services	Non-residents only	67%
	Landis at Home	Non-residents only	83%
	Welsh Mountain Home	Personal Care	83%
	Mountain View Terrace	All Residents	56%
	Steeple View Lofts	All Residents	93%
	Downtowners	Non-residents only	87%
Team Members	All Team Members		49.4%**
	Landis Homes Campus (Includes Landis Homes & some Landis Communities)		49.6%
	Landis Adult Day Services		64%
	Landis at Home		59%
	Welsh Mountain Home		42%

\*Percentages include those individuals who have received 1 dose, 2 doses, are scheduled at a Landis Homes clinic, or who have notified us that they are scheduled to receive the first or second dose.

\*\*Percentages include team members from all affiliates and campuses.