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Landis Communities Update **February 23, 2022**

There is much to be grateful for today! The Lancaster County COVID-19 positivity rate, transmission levels and the number of hospitalizations have all been dropping steadily in the past two weeks.

Across Landis Communities, we are happy that Landis Adult Day Services (ADS) has reopened after a short closure due to the large number of clients and staff testing positive for the virus. Today they reported that no one at ADS is currently infected. Other areas reporting no current cases are Landis at Home, Welsh Mountain Home, Steeple View Lofts and both the Residential Living and Healthcare areas at Landis Homes! From 2/9/22 – 2/22/22, one resident and four team members tested positive.

In a meeting yesterday, Dr. Leon Kraybill from Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health, shared data regarding how vaccinated individuals reacted to the Omicron variant. For those who had received their initial vaccination series, 25% were protected from catching Omicron and 55% were protected from hospitalization or death. For those who had also received their booster shot, 50% did not catch Omicron and 90% were protected from hospitalization or death.

We continue to encourage everyone to have their vaccinations “up to date” meaning a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible. Landis Communities will continue to host vaccination clinics at Landis Homes on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Phoebe Pharmacy. Call Jenny Sheckells at 717.381.3573 to schedule an appointment.

Throughout the pandemic, Landis Communities has been committed to protecting the health and safety of residents, clients and team members. We have closely followed the guidelines and regulations of the CDC, the PA Department of Health, the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Your patience and cooperation regarding these guidelines for things like mask wearing, social distancing and vaccination, has undoubtedly saved many from being infected with COVID-19. We understand that COVID-19 mandates are being lifted in many places. Please know that we are following this closely and are monitoring changing regulations from the CDC and our licensing organizations. We are looking forward to being able to implement changes!

On the Landis Homes Campus, you will soon notice a few adjustments that will enable residents who choose to, the opportunity to do things like sit



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together in larger groups for dining and participate in gatherings that had been suspended. Also, visitors to Cottages and Hybrid homes will no longer need to stop at a screening location. The Reopening Team is continuing to meet weekly to determine next steps that will encourage a sense of community at Landis Homes.

Spring will be here soon! As we anticipate warmer temperatures, may we also anticipate a return to many of the events and activities we have been missing.

Blessing to you for health and peace,

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