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## Landis Communities Update February 9, 2022

When we think of February, some of the things that come to mind are groundhogs, Valentine's Day and cold temperatures. But there is also hope in February because regardless of if the groundhog sees his shadow, we know Spring is not too far away!

That sense of anticipation and promise we have as we look forward to Spring, is the same sentiment many of us are feeling as we consider the path forward regarding COVID-19. We know community transmission and positivity rates are still high in Lancaster, but these numbers and hospitalizations are coming down.

We are grateful that throughout Landis Communities, residents, clients, team members and families continue to follow these guidelines from the CDC to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- *Get vaccinated and stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines.*
- *Wear a well-fitted mask to help protect yourself and others.*
- *Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.*
- *Test to prevent spread to others.*
- *Stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.*
- *Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.*

Because of your diligent efforts in these areas, there has been very little transmission within residential living. Thank you!

In the past two weeks (1/26/22 – 2/8/22), 23 team members have tested positive. Resident and client cases include:

- 2 Landis Homes Residential Living residents
- 10 Landis Homes Personal Care residents
- 2 Landis Homes Healthcare residents
- 3 Landis Adult Day Services clients (not LH residents)
- 1 Landis at Home client (not LH resident)

No new cases have been reported at Steeple View Lofts or Welsh Mountain Home and WMH has completed outbreak testing of residents and team members. Outbreak testing continues for Landis Homes Healthcare and Personal care residents and team members.

Given the number of those infected with COVID-19, we are not quite ready to return to many pre-pandemic activities, but we believe the time is coming soon! To that end, the Landis Homes Reopening Teams will begin meeting again next week. We will look back at the activities and events that were enjoyed prior to restrictions and begin to find our way



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back to a “new normal” for how we can offer these things that build relationships and community.

To help accomplish this, we are asking all Landis Homes RL residents to share what is the one thing that was put on hold because of COVID-19 that you are most looking forward to doing again. Please share your answers by campus mail or email to Lorrie Stoltzfus at [lstoltzfus@landis.org](mailto:lstoltzfus@landis.org). We want to include these things in the reopening plans!

Until that time when we can once again take part in community fellowship, please continue to find ways to encourage one another. A kind word, a compassionate heart, a caring gesture or a prayer to uplift a neighbor will carry us through to a new day.

**Colossians 3:14-15 (ESV)**

*And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.*

May cold temperatures give way to warm hearts as we love and care for each other.

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**P.S.** We encourage you to have your vaccinations “up to date” meaning the initial first or first and second doses as well as booster shots, when eligible. Vaccination clinics continue 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 or with questions or concerns [jsheckells@landis.org](mailto:jsheckells@landis.org). You may find other communications and videos on our website: [www.landiscommunities.org/COVID](http://www.landiscommunities.org/COVID)