

Landis Communities Update March 23, 2022

Spring is here! We are grateful for the blooming flowers, budding trees and other signs of new life. Across Landis Communities, we are celebrating each step toward the restoration of the activities and social interaction we enjoyed prior to the pandemic.

It is wonderful to see Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® classes in session, residents enjoying meals together in larger groups and more participation in community happenings. It is also encouraging to have increased census in Healthcare and Personal Care, more clients returning to Landis Adult Day Services and new staff consistently joining the team. Eight new hires started this week alone!

We also rejoice that the number of COVID-19 cases is going down. Although one case was recently reported, for nearly two weeks we did not have a known case among residents, clients or team members! There is much to be thankful for! At the same time, we are watching the BA.2 waves in Europe and remain committed to supporting the health and safety of residents, clients and team members into the future by following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health guidance.

The Reopening Teams continue to meet. The goal is for restrictions to continue to be lessened for those in Residential Living area. You will see ongoing evidence of this as we work to restore opportunities for increasing connections across the engaged communities.

Since last report, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released new guidance on regular COVID-19 testing of team members. Team members who are not “up to date” with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses will be subject to more frequent testing, based on the level of community transmission in Lancaster County. (Up to date means a person has received all recommended doses in their primary series COVID-19 vaccine, and a booster dose when eligible.)

The CMS instruction also indicates that visitors in Healthcare and Personal Care settings need to follow the same restrictions as residents in these care areas. At this time, that means that all residents and visitors must wear masks in Personal Care and Healthcare.

As a reminder, here are the current guidelines for Landis Communities:

- Residents and clients, regardless of vaccination status, may choose to go unmasked in indoor public areas.
- The CDC maintains that individuals with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

- Residential living visitors, regardless of vaccination status, may choose to go unmasked in indoor public areas.
- Some businesses located in our locations may continue to require masks so please inquire before entering.
- Healthcare and Personal Care areas must follow their own regulatory guidelines.
- Team members and vendors working at our locations will continue to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, when interacting with residents and clients.
- Landis Communities hosts 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.

Thank you for all you do to keep yourself and those around free from COVID-19. May you experience the beauty and hope of this new season!

Blessing to you for health and peace,

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