

Landis Communities Update March 9, 2022

Many are looking forward to the start of daylight savings time this weekend. It is a clear indication of longer, brighter and warmer days ahead! It has been wonderful lately to experience some “brighter days” in the COVID-19 pandemic. Transmission rates in Lancaster are at lower levels and throughout Landis Communities, some restrictions are being lifted for residents, clients and guests.

On Friday, February 25, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), updated their guidance regarding mask wearing based on a new measure called the COVID-19 County Check. The community levels of Low, Medium, and High are determined based on a combination of three metrics — new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 county residents in the past 7 days, the percent of staffed hospital inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients, and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 county residents in the past 7 days. Lancaster County is listed on the County Check as Low according to CDC metrics.

With this in mind, the current guidance from Landis Communities is:

- Residents and clients, regardless of vaccination status, may choose to go unmasked in indoor public areas. At Landis Homes, this also applies to the shuttle and bus.
- The CDC maintains that individuals with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.
- Visitors, regardless of vaccination status, may choose to go unmasked in indoor public areas.
- Some businesses located in our locations may still require masks so please inquire before entering.

It is important to note that this does not apply to buildings that have licensed care such as Personal Care and Healthcare. The guidelines for these areas are provided by regulatory agencies and are based on different transmission level calculations. We are hoping for the state and federal agencies to update their guidance on mask wearing so we can make changes in these areas as well.

Team members and vendors working at our locations will continue to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, when interacting with residents and clients. This is in line with our commitment to follow the strictest measures provided by the PA Department of Health or other regulatory agency.

At Landis Homes, Landis Adult Day Services and in other affiliates, reopening teams continue to meet to evaluate next steps for a return to pre-pandemic activities and operation. We will share details of these plans in future updates as we work to restore engaged communities.

From 2/23/22 – 3/8/22, one Landis Homes team member test positive and one Landis Homes resident test positive in the hospital prior to returning to campus. No new cases have been reported in affiliates. At Landis Homes, regular testing is taking place for team members with some limited and focused outbreak testing for two households related to the new cases. To date no additional cases have been detected as a result of focused outbreak testing.

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. At this time, there is not a recommended 4th dose. If this changes, we will let you know. 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.

For your awareness, the US Postal Service is again shipping free COVID-19 at-home tests. Each household can order a total of eight tests. So, if you ordered four in January, when the program launched, you're eligible to order a second batch of four more. You may also place your first order at this time. Tests are available at <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Blessing to you for health and peace,

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