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Landis Communities COVID-19 Update May 18, 2022

This would not normally be a week to share a COVID-19 update, but with several cases recently reported throughout Landis Communities, we believe it is important to make you aware of the current situation.

From May 4 - 17, two Welsh Mountain Home residents and two Landis Adult Day Services clients have tested positive for COVID-19.

On the Landis Homes campus, 14 team members, 46 Residential Living residents, 14 Personal Care residents and 1 Healthcare resident have tested positive in that same time frame. The good news is that most are reporting mild symptoms.

In light of the current outbreak, we are encouraging residents to wear masks indoors on campus. Please consider this when indoors in the greater community as well. Although the Community Level is low, the number of reported cases is rising and experts are saying the actual number of positive cases is likely much higher because of home testing.

Free COVID-19 test kits are once again available for order through the USPS. This time eight tests per home may be ordered. They are available at <https://www.covid.gov/tests>. Phoebe Pharmacy is also getting shipments of home tests and offering them free (Medicare covers) to residents. The supply sometimes runs out but they have been able to get additional tests regularly. Utilizing at-home tests prior to seeing others who may be vulnerable and/or after being in a location where you could have been exposed is helpful to protect yourself and those around you.

Residential Living residents who test positive should contact the RL Nurse to arrange for help with mail or trash during quarantine, if needed.

As a reminder, Personal Care and Healthcare areas require masks at all times. If you have recently had COVID-19, the PA Department of Health requires 10 days from testing positive before being able to visit residents in Personal Care or Healthcare.

We are continuing to hold vaccine clinics on the Landis Homes campus for the 4th dose on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. The CDC is recommending that everyone is "Up to Date" with COVID-19 vaccines, meaning a person has received all recommended doses in their primary series COVID-19 vaccine, and a booster dose when eligible. The 4th dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine can be given at least four months after the last booster dose, but it is not required to be considered Up to Date. Contact Jenny Sheckells at 717.381.3573 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Blessings to you for health and peace!

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