

Landis Communities Update May 4, 2022

Spring is here! What a blessing to see blooming flowers and trees with glorious color or brand-new green leaves. May we take time to stop and soak in the beauty of nature and remember that these scenes are examples of God fulfilling his promise for new life. We are grateful for God's presence in our lives and for how he continues to guide us through each season.

As we have seen over the past two years, the challenges of COVID-19 are ever-changing. For several weeks, very few positive cases were reported across Landis Communities. There have been no known cases at Welsh Mountain Home and Steeple View Lofts. Landis at Home and Landis Adult Day Services also have not reported cases.

On the Landis Homes campus, 14 Residential Living residents, one Healthcare resident, five team members, and two providers/contractors have tested positive since April 1st. Some of those testing positive have noted recent travel and others have attended gatherings – both on and off campus – where they may have been exposed. For this reason, we are encouraging residents to wear masks while indoors in common Residential Living spaces. This is not a requirement. However, when entering the Healthcare or Personal Care areas of campus, masking is required.

Symptoms currently being reported by those testing positive include things usually related to allergies or cold – runny nose, cough, congestion. Few have reported fever. Please stay home and consult your primary care provider if you are experiencing any symptoms.

Activities across Landis Communities will continue as scheduled. Each person can determine his or her individual comfort level for attending.

In the greater community, the current **Positivity Rate is 7.94** and the **COVID-19 Community Level is Low**. This rating is determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions for COVID-19 and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. This rating is different from the Community Transmission Level which is based on new case rates and positivity rate. As a Healthcare provider, this indicator is used to determine when additional testing and precautions must be in place for licensed care areas and for team members. The current **Lancaster Community Transmission Level is Substantial**.

Vaccination clinics continue to be held on the Landis Homes campus. Please call Jenny Sheckells at 717.381.3573 for more information or to schedule an appointment. 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.

Testing is another way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Taking tests **before** 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.

May we continue to care for each other in a community of Christ-like love.

Blessings to you for health and peace!

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