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Landis Communities COVID-19 Update

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On May 19, 2022, the CDC released a statement “strengthening its recommendation that those 12 and older who are immunocompromised and those 50 and older should receive a second booster dose at least 4 months after their first.” It goes on to say, “Over the past month we have seen steady increases in cases, with a steep and substantial increase in hospitalizations for older Americans. While older Americans have the highest coverage of any age group of first booster doses, most older Americans received their last dose (either their primary series or their first booster dose) many months ago, leaving many who are vulnerable without the protection they may need to prevent severe disease, hospitalization, and death. Whether it is your first booster, or your second, if you haven’t had a vaccine dose since the beginning of December 2021 and you are eligible, now is the time to get one.”

Landis Communities strongly encourages all residents, clients and team members to stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccinations. COVID-19 vaccine boosters can further enhance or restore protection that might have decreased over time after your primary series vaccination. People are protected best from severe COVID-19 illness when they stay up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccines, which includes getting all recommended boosters when eligible.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>

You are eligible for your first booster if:

- You received two doses of Pfizer or Moderna five or more months ago (primary series only).
- You received one dose of Janssen/Johnson & Johnson two or more months ago (primary dose only).

You are eligible for your second booster if:

- You are age 50 or older and received your first booster four or more months ago.

The good news is that you are considered up-to-date immediately after getting all recommended boosters.

Since our last Update on May 18, two Landis at Home and two Landis Adult Day Services clients have tested positive for COVID-19. Landis Homes residents include six in Residential Living, one Personal Care and one residing in Healthcare. Sadly, two Personal Care residents recently reported as positive passed away. Thirteen team members, 10 at Landis Homes and three with Landis at Home, were also infected.

The COVID-19 Community Level for Lancaster County is low, but it is believed that many cases are going unreported at this time due to home test kit results not being reported. Please consider wearing masks when indoors in common areas and in the greater community.



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Landis Homes Residential Living residents who feel ill should seek guidance from their physician. Anyone who tests positive should continue to notify the RL Nurse. S/he will arrange for help with mail, meals or trash during isolation, if needed. However, team members will no longer do contact tracing. Residents will need to reach out to those who they may have exposed to COVID-19. If a number of cases are tied to a campus event or activity, a notice will be placed on WLH.

As a reminder, Personal Care and Healthcare areas require visitors and team members to mask 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. Please do not volunteer if you or your spouse are in this window.

We are holding vaccine clinics on the Landis Homes campus for the 4th dose on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Contact Jenny Sheckells at 717.381.3573 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Our goal continues to be the health and safety of residents, clients and team members. We hope these monthly updates bring you the information you need to care for yourself and those around you.

Blessings to you for health and peace!

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