

## Landis Communities COVID-19 Update July 7, 2022

July is here and many residents, clients and team members are getting away to enjoy the sun and warm temperatures! Although we would like to have the days of COVID-19 behind us, the PA Department of Health website states that “it looks like COVID may be with us for a while.” It goes on to say, “...we have the power to slow the spread. We can protect ourselves, our families, businesses, neighbors, and communities from COVID-19 through simple actions.” This graphic highlights those actions: Vax. Mask. Test.

Landis Communities strongly encourages all residents, clients and team members to **stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccinations**. COVID-19 vaccine boosters can enhance or restore protection that might have decreased over time after your primary series vaccination. You are considered up-to-date immediately after getting all recommended boosters.

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



### **Masking continues to help reduce the risk of catching or transmitting COVID-19.**

Please consider wearing a mask in crowded areas or if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

As a reminder, Personal Care and Healthcare areas on the Landis Homes campus 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.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have had an exposure to someone with COVID-19, **testing is very important to prevent spreading the virus**. If your summer plans include gathering with friends and family, it is a good idea to test in advance of being together.

From June 1 – July 5, one Landis at Home team member and one Steeple View Lofts resident tested positive for COVID-19. On the Landis Homes campus, 31 residents have reported positive tests – 25 Residential Living, one Personal Care and five Healthcare – and 27 team members. Some infected residents are still isolating but most are recovered.

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.

**We have some good news to share from Landis Adult Day Services!** During June, ADS took careful steps to lift many COVID-19 restrictions in the Center. If you stop by, you will once again see participants sitting at the round tables together, eating, socializing and playing games. Families are now able to accompany their loved ones into the Center, rather than dropping them off and meeting them in the driveway. Christy Carpenter, Director of Adult Day Services, says, "It has made such a positive impact for the clients and the team members!"

Participants are still asked to screen themselves for symptoms and illness. If someone does get sick, proper steps will be taken to reduce the risk to others. Lifting the physical distancing requirement is enabling ADS to serve more clients. If you know someone who could benefit from attending Landis Adult Day Services, please reach out to Christy at 717-581-3909 for more information.

Stay well while you enjoy the summer!

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