

## Landis Communities Update June 10, 2020

While these updates are focused on the impact of COVID-19 across Landis Communities, we believe it is important to take a moment to recognize the impact the tragic killing of George Floyd has had on our country and around the world. We issued a statement last week that shared:

*The tragic killing of George Floyd has brought to the forefront of discussion long present issues of racial disparities and injustice. We are hearing the pain, anger and weariness of those who have a shared but unequal experience of living in the United States of America... At Landis Communities, we seek to live by our Guiding Values of Joy, Compassion, Integrity, Stewardship and Community... We also recognize we have more to learn. We need to learn from those most affected by inequalities and deeply harmful disparities. We will listen more actively, ask more and deeper questions, and learn how to remove roadblocks to becoming an even more inclusive organizational culture for our residents, clients and team members. Landis Communities stands committed to these goals and will work to make sure our organization, and the larger communities around us, become a place where all persons can thrive and be safe.*

We also witnessed a beautiful display of solidarity on the Landis Homes campus last Friday when more than 80 residents and team members gathered on the Crossings Green for nine minutes of silent reflection and witness. Since a Facebook post of this vigil was shared yesterday, more than 20,000 persons have seen this post. This is clearly a concern many of us are taking to heart. Thank you for standing with us and holding us accountable for change as we move forward.

We have exciting news regarding the Coronavirus Emergency Fund. As of this morning, your incredible generosity has exceeded the \$250,000 goal across Landis Communities! When this goal was set in early April, we anticipated the financial impact of COVID-19 to be approximately half a million dollars. The current calculation of additional expenses and lost revenue from the pandemic is currently over \$750,000 and climbing. Therefore, although we have hit our initial goal and we are incredibly grateful for the \$256,382 that has been received through 979 gifts, the need for support remains. We will continue to seek donations for this fund through June 30.

### Affiliate & Partner Updates

#### Welsh Mountain Home

WMH is currently COVID-19 free. We are exploring universal testing of all residents and staff as we await further guidance from the Department of Health as to whether universal testing



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will be mandated at the personal care level. Many residents and their loved ones are also asking when visitation will be reinstated. The latest guidance from Governor Wolf's office is that visitation will be reinstated 28 days AFTER the county goes green and only if there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at WMH in the past 14 days. In the meantime, we are still offering video chat by appt. Please see our Facebook page for more information.

### **Landis Adult Day Services**

Adult Day Services is expecting word from the State of Pennsylvania on when we may reopen. We have an ADS reopening team in place working on how we reopen safely. It may be that we need to reopen with smaller numbers. In order to continue to stay in touch with all ADS clients, we will likely continue providing virtual ADS for those who are not able come in for as many days as they prefer.

### **Steeple View Lofts**

Steeple View Lofts is maintaining precautions and continues to be free from known cases of COVID-19. Residents are looking forward to another socially-distanced activity this weekend, and will enjoy subs packaged for individual pick-up provided by the Social Committee. With Lancaster County in the "yellow", residents are encouraged to safely and appropriately engage in activities outside of our building as they feel comfortable, while maintaining precautions within our building.

### **Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning**

Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® still has spaces available for online courses offered in June. All of these classes are free of charge through Zoom, however we ask that you register in advance. Email [info@thepathwaysinstitute.org](mailto:info@thepathwaysinstitute.org) to register. You can find out more about the courses being offered here:

<https://www.thepathwaysinstitute.org/pathways-institute-updates/>

### **Landis Homes**

The number of known cases at Landis homes is currently 15. Five residents, all in Healthcare, were uncovered through universal testing, and all are without symptoms. They have been moved to the designated COVID unit. Of the 10 team members currently testing positive, three were not showing symptoms and identified through universal testing. The other seven were tested because they were symptomatic or they had been exposed to the virus. Four of these work in Personal Care.

There are five resident tests pending – three in Personal Care, one in Healthcare and one in Residential Living.

Tomorrow and Friday Landis Homes will begin universal testing for Personal Care residents and team members. As was true this week with Healthcare, we anticipate more positive cases emerging from these tests. We strongly believe this testing is needed to actively identify and contain the spread of the virus.

Yesterday Governor Wolf mandated that nursing homes in Pennsylvania conduct universal baseline testing before July 24. The testing done at Landis Homes will meet this requirement. We are committed to continue testing as needed throughout this pandemic to keep all residents as safe and healthy as possible.

**Residents, clients and family members may contact Jenny Sheckells with questions or concerns at [jsheckells@landis.org](mailto:jsheckells@landis.org) or 717.381.3573.** You may find other communications and videos on our website: [www.landiscommunities.org/COVID](http://www.landiscommunities.org/COVID)

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