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# Landis Communities Update June 24, 2020

On our team member Zoom meeting this morning, we talked about the reopening of the world around us. Some states that lessened restrictions early, are now seeing a rise in Coronavirus cases. Many of us had hoped that, like the seasonal flu, the number of cases would go down as the temperatures went up. This does not appear to be how this virus operates. The truth is, we don't know. What does seem to be the reality is that COVID-19 is not going away anytime soon.

One team member shared today that as individuals, we have few tools to protect us from the virus, but we do have some. He challenged each of us to keep using the tools we have – face covering, physical distance and hand hygiene – at work as well as in the greater community. This will be a challenge as many around us let their guard down.

Another team member shared that he at first liked the red-yellow-green phases of the State of Pennsylvania. However, now that Lancaster is getting ready to move to green, he said it does not feel like all things are ready to "GO." He said he prefers the thought of a flashing red light for where we should be now – you can go, but only after taking precautions.

A third visual was shared by Larry Zook with comments he received from Landis Homes Board President, Dr. Dan Mast. He, too, stressed the importance of masks and distancing by saying, "tests are analogous to moving buckets to catch leaks, and masks, distancing and hand hygiene are like the protective roof that is the primary protection!"

Now more than ever we ask that everyone continue to be vigilant with infection control practices to help stop the spread and protect each other. If you are spending time with family members, please encourage them to wear masks, to distance and wash hands as well.

There is one week remaining to support the Coronavirus Emergency Fund. To date, 1048 gifts totaling \$273,387 have been received. Thanks to all who have generously supported this campaign!

# **Affiliate Updates**

## Landis Adult Day Services

Adult Day Services staff are meeting regularly to plan for reopening Eden West Adult Day Services. We do not plan to reopen when Lancaster County moves to the Green Phase. We are working with Landis Communities to determine when the Adult Day Services clients will be able to return to the Landis Homes campus. Adult Day Services continues to offer Virtual ADS on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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### **Steeple View Lofts**

As Lancaster County prepares to "go green" Steeple View Lofts is committed to maintaining health and safety precautions to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19 in our community. Residents, providers, and essential guests in the building should wear masks in all common spaces, maintain six feet distance between households, and practice frequent hand hygiene. As more options are open outside of our building, we strongly encourage residents to wear masks when out in public and practice the same health and hygiene behaviors as when they are in our building.

### Landis Homes

Results of Universal testing have been slow to arrive this week. Of the Healthcare residents tested on June 18 & 19, all but 14 of the results are in and three have tested positive for COVID-19. One team member test has come back positive but 58 team member tests are still pending.

Of the 11 Personal Care residents who tested positive during the June 11 & 12 testing, three have completed their isolation without developing symptoms. The others will remain in quarantine a bit longer but are doing well at this time. One new positive result was confirmed for a PC resident and two are pending. The next universal testing of Personal Care residents and team members will take place June 25.

One Residential Living resident was tested and is negative.

Transition to the **Blue Phase** on the Landis Homes campus began Monday. The Residential Living Reopening Plan for Blue will take full effect on June 29, 2020. A new version of the Blue column of the plan will be distributed Friday. We will review the details on the Friday video.

Although Lancaster County begins their Green Phase on June 26, Landis Homes will continue with Blue until the week of July 6. We anticipate the opening of the Crossings Salon that week. Further instructions for scheduling appointments will be shared on June 29. Please do not call for appointments at this time. Some dining changes and limited use of the fitness center will follow.

Residents, clients and family members may contact Jenny Sheckells with questions or concerns at <u>isheckells@landis.org</u> or 717.381.3573. You may find other communications and videos on our website: <u>www.landiscommunities.org/COVID</u>

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