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Landis Communities Update

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The July 4th weekend is upon us! As we have encountered with many holidays in 2020, it will look quite different this year. It is encouraging to be able to participate in small group gatherings, but please continue to exercise extreme caution.

Landis Communities is grateful for the ongoing guidance by the State of Pennsylvania. Yesterday a new order was signed that expands the requirements for wearing face coverings. The news release states, "With this order, ...masks must be worn whenever anyone leaves home." It also requires use if "outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet from individuals who are not members of their household."

Exceptions include children under two years of age and those "who cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition, including those with respiratory issues that impede breathing, mental health condition, or disability." The goal is to provide safety while continuing to move forward with reopening. Please also continue to practice proper hand hygiene and maintain at least a six foot physical distance from those not in your household.

Residents, team members, clients and families have thus far shown care and concern for each other through doing our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your grace and compassion over the past several months. Let us continue to practice kindness and show respect to each other as we continue on this journey.

We have reached the June 30th deadline for the Coronavirus Emergency Fund. We are grateful for all who supported this effort to raise \$250,000 to help with added expenses and lost revenue due to the pandemic. The final total raised was \$277,457 from 1077 gifts! Your generosity is helping to care for residents, provide personal protective equipment and keep Landis Communities strong. Thank you!

Affiliate Updates

Welsh Mountain Home

Welsh Mountain Home is currently without a known case of COVID-19. New guidelines were issued on June 26, 2020 by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services that outline the plan Welsh Mountain Home must follow to reopen in accordance with our licensure. To begin Step 1 of this reopening plan, Lancaster County must be in the Green phase AND Welsh Mountain Home must meet prerequisite requirements including baseline screening, a written Reopening Implementation Plan and the absence of COVID-19 among residents and staff for 14 consecutive days.



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In Step 1 of reopening, WMH will be required to follow the new guidelines for dining, activities, non-essential personnel, volunteers, visitors and outings. Step 2 will allow for scheduled visitation, preferably outdoors and with specific protocols. In Step 3, residents unexposed to COVID-19 may go on outings off campus but with guidelines. **Residents should not be leaving WMH for off campus activities with the exception of doctor visits until Step 3 begins.**

Today WMH is in the prerequisite stage. We are working on our plan and will be scheduling universal baseline testing prior to the August 31 deadline. We understand that it is difficult not to see family members and those we love face to face right now, but we ask that you please help us follow these guidelines and keep everyone free of the virus. We remain blessed by the support and encouragement of the residents and family members, board members and supporters who are part of the Welsh Mountain Home family.

Pathways Institute

Save the date! Pathways Institute is looking forward to kicking off the Fall 2020 term with a Virtual “Open House” kick-off on August 25, 2020. This event will take the place of the traditional kick-off and will provide participants with the opportunity to explore course offerings and chat with instructors through Zoom. More details and an invitation will follow closer to the date.

As an added benefit, we were able to record May and June's virtual courses. They are now available to view free of charge online by visiting www.thepathwaysinstitute.org/free-virtual-courses/. If you have not yet participated in a virtual class, this is a great chance to take a look at what these courses are like, along with the opportunity to learn from some of our excellent instructors.

Steeple View Lofts

Steeple View Lofts residents are aware that COVID-19 is still in Lancaster and are encouraged to follow the **3 “W’s”** of Wearing a Mask, Washing Hands, and Watching Distance. Information about rent and mortgage assistance for individuals economically impacted by COVID-19 was shared with residents. If others would benefit from financial assistance to pay your rent or mortgage, more information can be found by clicking on a red CARES banner on the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency’s website at www.PHFA.org. Applications will be accepted starting July 6.

Landis Homes

Results of Universal testing have been slow to arrive this week. Of the Personal Care residents and team members tested on June 25 & 26, many results are not in due to the current supply chain and the volume of tests being processed. No positive results have come back at this time.

Two tests previously reported for symptoms are also still pending. One test has come back negative in Healthcare. Two new tests for symptoms – one in Healthcare and one in Personal Care have gone out.

Landis Homes is currently in the **Blue Phase** on campus. For visitors this weekend that means that all guests must conduct self-screening and get a name badge. Indoor visits are

allowed but not in common areas. Outdoor visits are still preferred. Please limit the number of guest at one time to two adults and the children from the same household. All CDC and Department of Health guidelines must be followed. No overnight guest are permitted at this time.

Some other communities like ours in Lancaster have reinstated a no visitors policy across the campus. Our hope is to continue moving forward but that will require everyone doing their part to follow the guidelines. It also means that the transition to the **Green Phase** will be much slower than the other phases. Next week we anticipate two changes:

- **Crossings Salon and Spa** – You may call the salon next week at extension 2695 to schedule a haircut (wash, cut and style). Other services will be provided at your next appointment. Face coverings will be required and no more than two residents and their Stylist will be allowed at a time. Do not arrive early.
- **Dining** – On Wednesday, July 8, residents and team members only may come to the Garden Room and Owl Hill Bistro to order food for takeout. Many items will be packaged and ready to serve, others will be served by team members. Limited seating will also be available. Physical distance must be maintained and masks worn unless eating. Dogwood Café remains closed to residents. Account payments will not be accepted between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please send payments in the mail or bring them at off hours.

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

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