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## **Landis Communities Update**

### **August 27, 2020**

Landis Communities remains committed to following all guidelines from the CDC, CMS and the PA Department of Health to keep residents, clients, team members and families healthy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been and continue to be as transparent as possible to notify you of cases across our affiliates, share key decisions and inform you of stories in the news media that may affect you or the organization.

In March, when we started these updates, it was necessary to communicate almost daily because information was changing so rapidly. We reduced updates to three days a week and then two, and now, with September starting next week, it is time to move to weekly updates and videos. These will be shared each Wednesday. If more immediate communication is needed, we will do so.

This pandemic is far from over, but we are grateful for how each of you have made the adjustments in your life necessary to prevent the spread of the disease. Please continue to remember the three W's – Wear a face covering, Watch your distance, Wash your hands.

### **Affiliate Updates**

#### **Landis Homes**

- We are not aware of any residents with COVID-19 on the Landis Homes campus and no resident tests are pending at this time.
- Earlier this week we shared that Landis Homes Healthcare was on the list to receive an antigen point of care testing device and test kits. The device has arrived along with 600 test kits.
- CMS has issued new regulations on testing, tracking and reporting for Healthcare residents and team members. We will share more details after guidelines on the regulations are issued from the PA Department of Health.
- Regarding Activity Logs – please keep them four weeks before discarding.
- The next Town Meeting is scheduled for September 2. Please submit questions you would like answered or issues you would like addressed to Libby Ethridge. These can be sent through campus mail or email [lethridge@landis.org](mailto:lethridge@landis.org). The deadline is tomorrow.

#### **Welsh Mountain Home**

WMH has no known cases of COVID-19 and is entering Step 3 of reopening today. This allows residents to join activities as space allows for physical distancing. Monitored outdoor visits have been successful and we rejoice with residents who can reunite with their family and friends. Melody is continuing to take calls for visit appointments.



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### **Landis Adult Day Services**

In January, a Landis Homes resident volunteered to lead a book club in Eden West. When we closed due to COVID, he joined us on one of our Zoom calls and all had a good time. Now that we reopened, he continues to hold book club by Zoom, the only way we can do it at present. His dramatic reading of a book is done with the backdrop of a large library. This week, when he finished reading but before the Zoom call was ended, the Eden West clients clapped and said, "I really enjoy this." The resident returned to the screen and said "I enjoy you too!" This is one of the ways programming that was enjoyed in the past is being adapted to work in the present.

### **Landis at Home**

Landis at Home is experiencing an increase in service requests as older adults look for ways to safely remain in their home. This volume of requests is such that we have needed to start a waitlist for those outside of Landis Homes. We continue to prioritize Landis Homes residents' requests. We are hiring new team members; some are onboard and serving clients and others will be trained and ready to serve very soon!

### **Steeple View Lofts**

Steeple View Lofts is grateful to remain free from any cases of COVID-19 among residents, who continue to exercise caution in their interactions with one another and in the community. The deck is a popular place for residents to connect safely during these lovely summer evenings. There is currently a one-bedroom apartment available for anyone interested in joining us in the city.

**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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