

Landis Communities Update September 2, 2020

This is the first of the weekly Landis Communities Updates that will be shared each Wednesday. We are grateful that the need for immediate communication has lessened but rest assured that if information needs to be shared in a timely manner, we will add additional updates. Thanks to all residents, clients, team members, family and friends who are working with us to keep everyone healthy.

On Friday, August 28, LNP ran an editorial title, **Science as a Guide**. In line with messages we have shared through Landis Communities, it stresses the importance of following the best scientific evidence that is available to us right now, including the importance of the 3 Ws - watching distance, wearing masks, and washing hands to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

The science also tells us that not all masks are created equal. This graphic from PreventEpidemics is very helpful in identifying the best types of masks to wear to protect yourselves and others.

Which Masks Are Best for COVID-19?



COVID-19

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More info at
[PreventEpidemics.org](https://www.preventepidemics.org)

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The LNP editorial ends, "The choice is clear: Ignore the science, give the coronavirus fertile breeding ground and prolong this interminable uncertainty; or embrace the science, adhere to its attendant parameters and hasten the return of a time when we can embrace the ones we love without fear. Now and always, science can find a unifying path through the challenges we face."

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Affiliate Updates

Landis Homes

PPE – A large shipment of N95 masks are on the way to Landis Homes. Other supplies are good at this time.

Residential Living Reopening – There are no changes to the Residential Living Reopening plan this week.

Healthcare and Personal Care Reopening – we want to acknowledge that even though we are working through the stages of reopening, we are a long way from how things once were. This has been a very difficult time for residents and families. Not having the personal contact and extended time with loved ones is very painful. Please know that we are doing all we can to help you maintain connections.

- **Healthcare Reopening** continues in Step 3 with scheduled in-person visits.
- **Personal Care Reopening** is in Step 2 of their plan. In-person visits and activities with fewer than 10 people have resumed.
- Any positive COVID-19 test by a resident or team member will move reopening back to the beginning of the plan. Full details of both plans may be found on the Landis Homes website.

Confirmed Cases & Testing – We are not aware of any positive cases of COVID-19. One Residential Living resident was tested since last report. The result was negative.

Activity Logs – please continue to note where you are going when you leave your home.

Welsh Mountain Home

WMH has had zero residents diagnosed with COVID-19 to date. We pray that this trend continues. To ensure resident and team member safety we continue to follow the Department of Health and Human Services guidelines for Phase 3 visitation; masks, a safe physical distance, 15 minute time limit and by appointment. We also take every precaution with any new admission to WMH. All new admissions are quarantined for 14 days and monitored for symptoms daily before integrating into the community. We appreciate your continued prayers for Welsh Mountain Home and we give the glory to GOD who has protected us and watched over us during this worrisome time.

Landis Adult Day Services

Adult Day Services has been open for one month and we are grateful to report that none of the staff or participants have contracted COVID-19. We are currently making calls to participants who are on hold for their interest in returning and completing assessments with new people who would like to be a part of Landis Adult Day Services. We have openings for new participants Monday through Friday. Feel free to contact us at 717-581-3920 if you are interested in the Adult Day Services program.

Landis at Home

Landis at Home continues to hire new team members in order to meet the demand for service. We have been able to take some clients off the wait list this week and provide care! We continue to work hard on our recruitment efforts in order to meet all our present and future client needs.

Steeple View Lofts

The SVL community remains free from any known cases of COVID-19. We are pleased to be working with Yoel Bobadilla, a volunteer for the year through the Shalom Project. He was raised in Lancaster and recently graduated from Eastern Mennonite University. With concerns for COVID-19, Yoel will find new ways to interact with residents, like offering 1:1 assistance and activities, such as art and Spanish language. Steeple View currently has a one-bedroom apartment available for anyone interested in joining our city community!

Partner Updates

Friends LifeCare®

Continuing Care at Home seminars from Landis Communities and Friends LifeCare continue to be held online. Please join us for the next one, September 23 from 1-2:00 p.m. RSVP to Joy Albright at 717-381-3500 to get a link to the seminar.

Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning®

On August 25, Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning held its first ever virtual kick-off event to welcome the Fall 2020 term! About 150 people participated and Roger Godin was a delightful host. He introduced the Fall 2020 offerings and explained the change in program from in-person to virtual. Some of the classes will have a few in-person seats selected by random drawing. Registration for Fall 2020 courses opened on August 26. As of today, 104 registrations have been received. To register for courses visit ThePathwaysInstitute.org or call 717-591-7213.

Lancaster Downtowners

Lancaster Downtowners will be hosting a socially distant New and Interested Members gathering at the Wolf Museum Garden on Saturday, September 19 from 3-5:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about our village this is a wonderful opportunity. RSVPs requested at 717-584-1224.

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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