

Landis Communities Update September 23, 2020

As we start the autumn season, uncertainties continue to be present in the world around us but many constants remain. Throughout Landis Communities, we are thankful for our shared guiding values and for people who help us remember and appreciate our blessings. We are a community of individuals who listen to each other and pray for each other. We affirm the contributions that each make to the greater good and seek to care for each other with Christ-like love. May these things never change.

Affiliate Updates

Landis Homes

- **Confirmed Cases & Pending Tests** – Since last report, one Personal Care resident was tested for symptoms and we are happy to share the result was negative.
- **Routine Testing in Healthcare & Healthcare Reopening** – Routine testing of team members working in Healthcare areas resumed last week, as directed by CMS, the national agency that oversees nursing homes in the United States. Of the 230 tests taken, two asymptomatic positive cases were uncovered. This has resulted in Healthcare reopening reverting to the prerequisite phase and additional testing is taking place. This week, 81 resident tests have been collected and are awaiting results. Team members are also being retested.
- **Personal Care Reopening** – Personal Care remains in Step 3 of reopening. The number of allowed visitors has increased from two to three.
- **Healthcare and Personal Care COVID-19 reports, plans and announcements can be found on the Landis Homes website at <https://www.landishomes.org/news/covid-19-reporting/>**
- **Healthcare Consolidation** – For more than a year, Landis Homes has been evaluating the number of accommodations in Healthcare and Personal Care in order to ensure we are honoring our guiding value of stewardship. Since COVID-19 arrived in March, the census in Healthcare has slowly declined due to lack of referrals coming from hospitals and the restricted visitation to Healthcare due to regulations from CMS and Pennsylvania Department of Health. In addition, the 14-day initial stay in a designated unit to monitor for any COVID-19 symptoms limits the number of new admissions.

Landis Homes has 103 licensed beds in Healthcare. Historically we have averaged near 100 residents, for the past several months we have been averaging 85. According to national articles on the subject, this is a trend beyond Lancaster and it could take a year or longer to recover.

Therefore, the difficult decision has been made to consolidate households. We will temporarily close Lancaster House and will relocate the 12 residents who currently call this home.

- **Residential Living Reopening** – The current guideline for the number of visitors allows for two adults and the children from that household. This is being expanded to allow up to four visitors (including children) to be present at one time, even if they are not from the same household. With this expanded visitation, it is important to keep resident activity logs current. Also, remember that guests are to wear their face coverings during visits.
- **Resident Face Coverings** – All residents are advised to consistently wear masks when in public areas. It is safest to remove masks only when clearly more than six feet from others and not in an enclosed space.
- **Flu Vaccine** – A new policy has been implemented that all team members are now required to have the flu vaccine, unless they have a medical or religious exemption. This is an important step to protect ourselves and those we serve. Residents who are able to get the flu vaccine are encouraged to do so as well.
- **Concert on the Green** – Thanks to all who participated in the concert last Friday! It was a chilly but life-giving experience!

Landis Adult Day Services

Eden West is celebrating National Adult Day Services week by enjoying a special guitar program by Zoom and an ice cream sundae treat. We continue to do the things that make ADS a place of joy and connections, including playing Lighthouse Bingo while telling stories of lighthouses and events related to them. One participant shared his very own funny lighthouse joke about a battleship unwilling to move out of the way thinking he was close to another battleship. But the lighthouse keeper said “Well I’m a lighthouse and I can’t move!” This activity allowed 24 participants to feel the thrill of a bingo game, the fun of winning a small prize and the joy of being together. We are deeply grateful for each of the participants and staff who make Adult Day Services an engaging, fun, welcoming and joyful place to be!

Landis at Home

Landis at Home has been fortunate to hire seven staff members since July. We continue to hire in order to be able to provide services to clients at Landis Homes and beyond. We also continue to follow all precautions to decrease the risk of exposure to COVID-19 for clients and caregivers.

Steeple View Lofts

Steeple View Lofts remains free from any known cases of COVID-19. We are grateful for the good health of residents and the way they look out for one another!

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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