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Landis Communities Update September 30, 2020

Earlier this year we heard the analogy made between a baseball game and how far along we are in the fight against COVID-19. In May and early June we were told the second inning, in July, the fourth inning. With the start of the Major League Baseball playoffs, we thought we would see what experts are saying now... interestingly, they are not. Or at least we could not find that information. As the number of cases worldwide approaches 34 million and the number of deaths tops 1,000,000 it has become even harder to predict where we are in this pandemic.

As much as we might like to be in the ninth inning, or even the seventh inning stretch, we have learned that opinions differ greatly and we just don't know. We are grateful that vaccines are in the works but until they are tested, approved and distributed, we will be living life differently. We cannot let our guard down. As, residents, clients, family and team members of Landis Communities, we must continue to care for ourselves and each other by avoiding high risk environments and following the three W's of wearing a face covering, washing your hands and watching your distance.

Affiliate Updates

Landis Homes

- **Confirmed Cases & Pending Tests –** Since last report, two Personal Care residents were tested for symptoms both with negative results for COVID-19.
- Routine Testing in Healthcare Routine testing of team members working in Healthcare areas continues. Last week, 227 tests were conducted with one showing a positive result. On Monday, 81 residents in Healthcare were tested. We just received the last of the results and all are negative! Yesterday 261 team members were tested. None of those results are in at this time.
- **Healthcare Reopening** Due to the positive team member result, Healthcare remains in the Prerequisite stage of reopening.
- **Personal Care Reopening** Personal Care remains in Step 3 of reopening.
- Healthcare and Personal Care COVID-19 reports, plans and announcements can be found on the Landis Homes website at <u>https://www.landishomes.org/news/covid-19-reporting/</u>
- Residential Living Reopening This week visitors are starting to be allowed in some common spaces, if part of a staff supervised activity. Examples of this include yoga instruction, personal trainers, Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® classes and other outside speakers. Visitors will all continue to be screened and follow all guidelines for being on campus, including wearing a face covering. Residents are advised to also wear face coverings in public areas

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and to keep activity logs current as they interact with others across campus and in the greater community. We are currently working on an update to the Landis Homes Green Phase document to provide an overview of the current guidelines. It will be placed in mailboxes soon.

Landis Adult Day Services

During our celebration of National Adult Day Services week, we asked the participants why they love coming to Eden West. Their responses included fellowship, friends, Ladder Golf, Corn Hole, food and snacks, games and activities, Book Club and educational programs. Sounds like the participants enjoy everything we do! A team member then took their responses and created a Word Search that was included in a booklet of brain challenges given to the clients.

Welsh Mountain Home

WMH is enjoying some freedoms to interact during outdoor activities while continuing to follow the three W's - Wear a mask, Wash hands and Watch distance. BINGO in the pavilion is a resident favorite. We are so thankful for sunshine and comfortable temperatures that makes this possible. We are looking forward to our Fall Fundraiser Banquet (Drive-Thru Edition) next Tuesday! Meal reservation can be made through Friday, October 2 by calling Melody at 717.355.9522. Residents will be enjoying the same meal at WMH that is being offered at the Drive-Thru banquet.

Steeple View Lofts

Steeple View Lofts is happy to facilitate safe and healthy move-ins during this time, with one new resident joining our community in October! To our knowledge, SLV residents remain free of COVID-19.

Partner Updates

Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning®

The first Pathways Fall 2020 courses began yesterday with two hybrid classes, combining inperson and virtual learning, and one virtual only class. It is still possible to join the upcoming classes. We look forward to a semester of informative classes, engaging instructors and involved participants!

Residents, clients and family members may contact Jenny Sheckells with questions or concerns at <u>jsheckells@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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