

## Landis Communities Update September 9, 2020

In this morning's LNP the Senior Living section highlighted the silver linings of COVID-19 that older adults in Lancaster County are discovering. In these days when many of us wish this time was behind us, take a moment to think about what silver lining you have experienced.

### Affiliate Updates

#### Landis Homes

- **Confirmed Cases & Pending Tests** – We are not aware of any pending tests or positive cases of COVID-19 among residents on the Landis Homes campus.
- **Fellowship Week** – Although they look different this year, Fellowship Week activities are underway! Today **ice cream** is being shared with all residents and team members. This will be outdoors for Residential Living while Personal Care and Healthcare will have it delivered to each household. Tomorrow is **Harvest Day** on the Crossings Green for Residential Living – this will be held rain or shine. Friday evening the **Horse Power Parade** will circle campus for all to enjoy from their porch, patio or window! Saturday is the **Chicken BBQ**. Healthcare and Personal Care residents who are able, will enjoy a chicken meal. Residential Living residents may purchase a chicken meal in the Garden Room or the official Peters' BBQ meal at the trailers that will be set up in front of Crossings. RL residents may walk up to purchase meals or utilize the drive through that begins at the West Entrance. Family members are invited to visit and share a meal in your RL residence or outdoors on campus – several tents have been put up for your use.

#### Things to keep in mind:

- Common areas and dining rooms on campus are not open for visitors.
- Please remind anyone coming to campus should take a look at the visitation guidelines on the Landis Homes website before they arrive.
- To keep everyone safe, face coverings and physical distancing are required as well as frequent hand washing.
- Guests should go through screening and receive a name badge before their visit.

#### Other Fellowship Week components include the Online Auction and Fill the Gap to support the Landis Homes Caring Fund.

- **Elevator Use** – residents and guests should limit elevator use to two people at a time.
- **Healthcare Testing** – New guidelines from CMS are again requiring mandatory universal testing of Team Members who come in contact with Healthcare residents. The first round of tests will be collected 9/15-16/2020. Any positive results, including asymptomatic positives, will require us to retest team members and begin testing residents. It will also set the steps to reopening Healthcare back to the prerequisite stage and restrict visitation.
- **Concert on the Green** – Friday, September 18 a concert will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the Crossings Green. Check WLH for details!

### **Welsh Mountain Home**

To date, no Welsh Mountain Home residents have tested positive for COVID-19. Reopening is in Step 3 of the Department of Health's regulated re-opening process. That means scheduled 15-minute visits are taking place with residents and visitors maintaining physical distance and wearing face coverings. Activities are being held for as many residents as can safely be in a given area.

We are enjoying our intern from the Shalom Project, Yoel Bobadilla. Yoel has come to WMH just as we were able to start implementing activities and his artistic and musical talents have been a blessing to our residents. Residents are still restricted from leaving WMH for reasons other than an essential medical appointment.

WMH is excited to announce that we will be holding our fall fundraiser banquet (drive through edition) at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland on October 6, 2020, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Reserve your meal by calling Melody Blochberger at 717-355-9522 ext. 102. A goodwill donation is appreciated and can be given with your meal pick up or by mailing to WMH. A printed program with resident and staff testimonies will be shared. We appreciate your support and hope that you enjoy your meal.

### **Landis Adult Day Services**

Adult Day Services has had no positive cases of COVID-19 since reopening. A total of 55 clients have now returned to the center, including three who had been on hold and three who have increased the number of days they are attending each week. It is also encouraging to share that the team has conducted three intake assessments and one new client is starting this week! We have noticed increased client participation in activities. Ring on the Green and Ladder Golf are presently our favorite activities!

### **Landis at Home**

Landis at Home is continuing to follow precautions to decrease the risk of exposure to COVID-19 for clients and caregivers. These include screening caregivers and clients, using personal protective equipment, helping clients to disinfect high touch points in their homes, and continuing to educate/communicate with staff regarding infection control. In addition, we are asking clients to wear masks when we need to spend prolonged time with them in a small space. For instance, when we are driving a client to a doctor appointment or helping with personal care in their home. Landis at Home is here for assistance with things that might be more difficult during this time like personal care if you are feeling weak, shopping if you are not wanting to leave your home, or transportation if you are not wanting or able to drive.

### **Steeple View Lofts**

Steeple View Lofts remains free from any cases of COVID-19. We are grateful for the good health of residents! Residents are working to maintain good health not just by wearing masks, washing hands, and watching their distance, but also by engaging in general wellness activities. Several SVL residents plan to participate in the Red Rose Run later this month.

## **Partner Updates**

### **Friends LifeCare®**

The next Continuing Care at Home online seminar from Landis Communities and Friends LifeCare is scheduled for 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®**

The first virtual class is scheduled for September 29. Currently 133 registrations have been received for offerings during this unusual semester. We are grateful for the commitment, excitement and creativity of Pathways instructors and participants despite the new way classes will be conducted.

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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