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Landis Homes Update

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We hope you enjoyed the sunshine this weekend and were able to honor the special women in your life!

If you are following the local news, you may have heard that several government officials who oversee Lancaster County have sent a letter to Governor Wolf indicating their intent to bypass the current designation by the State of Pennsylvania and move Lancaster from the Red to the Yellow phase of re-opening on Friday, May 15.

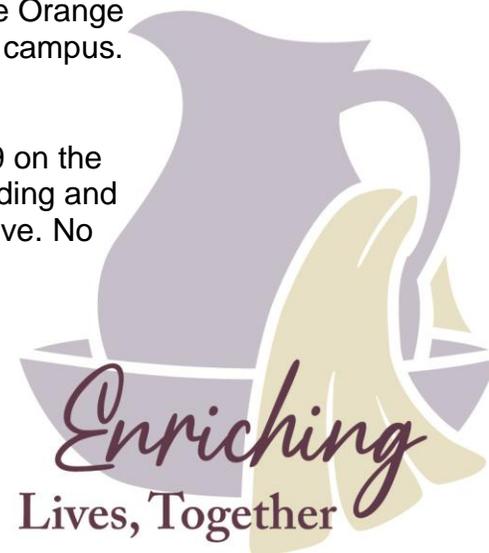
As an organization, Landis Communities believes that this is not in the best interest of our residents, clients and team members. We have provided our response to the officials and asked for clarification on the elements of their plan, primarily regarding access to and funding for testing as well as providing personal protective equipment. We are also in consultation with other retirement communities and senior service organizations in Lancaster to identify their concerns with moving forward too quickly.

In the Red phase, the Stay at Home order remains in effect. Travel is allowed only for life-sustaining purposes. When a move is made to the Yellow phase, some businesses are allowed to open, although hair dressers, gyms and pools remain closed. Schools remain closed but child care centers begin to open. Restaurants remain take-out or delivery only and large groups are still not allowed to gather. Face coverings should continue to be worn. In the green phase, all businesses would be allowed to open as long as they follow the guidelines of the CDC.

Personal Care and Healthcare regulations remain in effect throughout both the Red and Yellow phases. These areas must adhere to strict protocols for licensed care.

We shared last week that Landis Homes leadership is working on a five-phase plan for re-opening Residential Living – Red, Orange, Yellow, Blue, Green. If Lancaster County moves to the Yellow phase on May 15, we will move to the Orange phase, unless we become aware of a positive COVID-19 case on campus. We will provide more information as the week progresses.

At this time, we continue to be without a known case of COVID-19 on the Landis Homes campus. The one Personal Care test that was pending and one additional test from Residential Living have come back negative. No resident tests are pending at this time.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

We received 5000 surgical masks on Friday. Gowns are becoming a concern. We received more reusable gowns, which helps for now, but more are still needed.

Flowers

Many residents enjoy planting their own flowers around their cottage or apartment building. For residents who are accustomed to having their family plant annual flowers, the Landis Homes Grounds team is willing to be a helping hand this year. Please call Grounds Supervisor, Chris Gilroy, at *3172 to schedule the plantings and then have family members drop plants at the checkpoint 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday only. Life Enrichment is coordinating the planting of flowers in the Personal Care and Healthcare courtyards on May 14. We are grateful for a beautiful campus!

Check the Landis Home website for regular COVID-19 updates. Family and friends have access to videos and written information at www.landishomes.org/COVID

Residents and family members may contact Jenny Sheckells with questions or concerns at jsheckells@landis.org or 717.381.3573.

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