Landis Homes Update  
May 4, 2020

We are grateful that we continue to be without a known case of COVID-19 on the Landis Homes campus. We reported previously that a team member at Welsh Mountain Home tested positive for the virus, resulting in two team members and four residents being isolated for two weeks. That time expired over the weekend without any other individuals showing symptoms. To our knowledge, no resident tests are out at any Landis Communities locations at this time.

Wearing Face Coverings on Campus
There has been some confusion regarding when to wear face coverings. We ask that you wear them when indoors in any of the buildings but know that they are required to enter the General Store. When you go outside, if you are not near anyone, you do not need to wear your mask. We do recommend that when outside you still take it with you in case you come across someone who does not honor six-foot distancing or for when you walk back inside. Remember this saying, “I wear my mask to protect you and you wear your mask to protect me.” We show care and respect for one another when we both wear our face coverings.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
PPE supplies are good. We received 40 gallons of hand sanitizer and anticipate a delivery this week from the Emergency Management Agency.

Testing
The local news media has been sharing the high percentage of Lancaster County COVID-related deaths that are tied to retirement communities and nursing homes. One key factor to limiting the spread in these settings is testing. Landis Homes Residents have asked why we have not conducted more tests. To this point, the availability of tests has been limited. We understand the importance of more testing and have been working toward a means for wide-spread testing for Landis Communities residents and team members. We want you to know that we have been communicating with state and local representatives as well as labs that would process tests. We will report back as soon as we have a path to move forward on this issue.

Opening Campus
Governor Wolf announced Friday that Lancaster County will remain under the Stay at Home order and in the “Red” phase of a three-phase effort to open the state. There are 24 counties that on May 8 will move
to a “Yellow” phase where some businesses are allowed to open. All businesses will not be open until the “Green” phase of the plan. Hairdressers, gyms and pools have been identified as opening in the green phase. Landis Homes will comply with this rollout plan and will therefore not consider opening the Crossing Salon, the wellness center or pool until Lancaster is in the Green phase. We are considering other options for activities once we are in the Yellow phase. This may include limited use of places like the woodshop and quilt room as well as opportunities for stretching or yoga classes on the Crossings Green. Until then, please continue to tune in to WLH and Channel 5 for at-home activities and learning opportunities.

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 Shekells with questions or concerns at isheckells@landis.org or 717.381.3573.

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