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Landis Communities Update – SUNDAY SPECIAL REPORT **October 25, 2020**

On Wednesday, Larry Zook shared the significant impact that community spread of COVID-19 throughout the Lancaster County area is having across Landis Communities. In line with our commitment to be transparent, we are sharing this Sunday special report.

At Welsh Mountain Home, a total of 17 residents and two team members have now tested positive. We are grateful that 15 of the positive residents have only mild symptoms at this time. The dedicated team is working diligently to move and isolate residents as needed for their care and safety. Testing will continue according to regulations. We are appreciative for the leadership of Mona Frey, Executive Director, and the commitment and compassion of the entire Welsh Mountain Home team. Please keep these residents and team members in your prayers.

At Landis Homes, in Residential Living, one South Campus cottage resident has tested positive and is quarantined at home.

Personal Care testing this week uncovered three positive residents and another tested positive due to symptoms. At this time, Cedar House is a Red Zone. Staff are caring for residents in their rooms with designated team members to care for the COVID-19 positive residents.

In Healthcare areas, the pending test for symptoms came back negative. Lancaster House is currently a Yellow Zone due to a team member testing positive. Regular testing of 116 team members this week uncovered one additional positive of a team member who works in both Personal Care and Healthcare, causing Manheim House to also become a Yellow Zone. Conestoga House remains Yellow as well.

Two additional team members have also tested positive. Several others are out due to symptoms, significant exposure or because they are awaiting test results.

Monday October 26 and Tuesday October 27, all team members working in the Healthcare and Personal Care areas of the Landis Homes campus will be tested, along with residents in these areas.

Please know that throughout Landis Communities, appropriate infection control intervention is in place. We are following the guidance set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to minimize the risk of Coronavirus transmission.



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The truth remains that as long as COVID-19 is in the larger community, we will continue to have cases. It is imperative that each resident, each team member, each client, and each family member practice extreme caution when interacting with others.

With President Trump conducting a rally at the Lancaster Airport tomorrow, we are aware of the increased risk of community spread. The graphic we have previously shared showing activities and their level of risk, indicates that attending a rally like this is at the highest risk level because of the large number of people in a limited space. Even though the rally is outdoors, news clips from similar events show people without appropriate physical distance and not wearing masks. As much as some in the Landis Communities family would like to attend the rally tomorrow, we ask that you please consider the possible consequences of infecting yourself and possibly infecting others.

The increase in our number of cases the past two weeks is alarming. Please join us in doing all we can to keep each other safe and healthy. Remember to wash hands frequently, wear a face covering and maintain physical distance. It is very important to avoid crowds, and even when visiting in small gatherings, practice the three W's.

Together, let us pray for all those who have tested positive, for those who love them and their caregivers. Let us pray for wisdom and protection as we navigate each day. And may we have strength to face what lie ahead. We are grateful for each of you.

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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