

WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE

Grand Traverse Pavilions update for residents and responsible parties during COVID-19

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In response to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services notification of the Governor's orders for all nursing homes to test their staff and residents for COVID-19 the most recent weekly testing was completed on Monday, October 5th. Nearly 600 staff and Pavilions residents were tested.

As required we must notify residents, families and staff if there are any positive COVID tests. Notifications were issued on Wednesday, October 7th that two Dietary staff members tested positive for COVID during the most recent collection.

Due to these test results the Pavilions is required to resume testing of the resident population on a weekly bases until we achieve the desired status of "*With two weeks of no positive COVID-19 cases confirmed in the resident population, it is no longer required to test the residents*". Therefore, resident testing will be conducted again next week in effort to achieve the desired two weeks of no positive cases.

As a reminder, the current protocol for all new admissions, readmissions is to confirm a negative COVID test 72 hours prior to admission, and to quarantine for two weeks (14 days) once admitted. Additionally, those residents who leave the facility for external appointments, will also need to quarantine for two weeks (14 days) and be tested regularly for COVID-19.

Weekly employee testing will continue until further notice, as mandated, due to the regions Medium-High Risk COVID status per the States *Safe Map*.

Additionally, while the Governor's orders since April were declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. This does not negate the practices that we as a facility have to follow. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Department has authority over nursing facilities in the event of a pandemic. State MDHHS Director Gordon has reissued the current restrictions on facilities including **no visitation**. We are still required to follow this mandate. We are also aware that CMS has provided direction to the State agencies on indoor visitations, however, we have been informed that **we are not to allow this until directed by our State agency**.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to schedule a virtual or window visit with a resident please contact the pavilion Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) or social worker. For the cottages please contact the director or the cottage nurse.



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