

# WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE

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

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Earlier this week we completed testing as mandated by CMS, and have seen an increase in respiratory symptoms among staff. However only one fully vaccinated staff member, who had no direct patient contact, tested positive for COVID. We have asked staff to remain diligent in their infection control practices; to continue to report all symptoms, and to test as required. Since there is no immediate threat to residents, visitation remains unchanged at this time. Visitation policies can be found on our website under the weekly family updates tab.

As of September 10, 2021, CMS published new criteria to track the county positivity rate. This criteria aims to reflect the “community spread rate” vs. the community positivity rate. We are directed to monitor our level of community transmission rates every other week (on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month). In an effort to provide additional clarification on how the Pavilions will respond based on the current infection rate level, Nursing staff has created a helpful resource titled **COVID-19 Prevention and Source Control Form**. This form is posted along with the Weekly Updates to better explain the Pavilions processes in response to the most current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reporting data. The rate for the week of 10/4/2021 (1st Monday of the Month) was reported at 10.34%, which is considered “High” and the Prevention/Control Measures are therefore highlighted in the High (red) column of the form. Next Monday we will get the updated data related to the “community spread rate” and will report it next weeks update along with any related changes in policies or visitation processes.

We continue to wait for CMS to publish the requirements for staff vaccination and the effective date. In the interim we are continually providing education and access to the vaccination for both residents and staff. Our numbers will fluctuate with admissions and discharges along with hiring and the departure of staff. As of September 26, 2021 our vaccination rates as published by CMS are 99.3% for residents and 74.8% for staff.

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

Thank you,

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