

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 requirements for all nursing homes to test their staff and residents for COVID-19 the most recent weekly testing was completed on Monday, October 12th with nearly 600 staff and Pavilions residents tested.

As required we must notify residents, families and staff if there are any positive COVID tests. As national and state trends for COVID-19 are on the rise, we too have seen a increase in positive test results this past week. The following notifications were issued on Wednesday, October 14th:

We were notified of five (5) staff who are positive for COVID in this week's testing. A direct care staff member was on vacation and became ill upon return 9/30 and tested positive on 10/8. This staff member has not worked since the onset of illness. The second staff member was testing in order to return to work after a lengthy medical leave and has not had any contact with residents or other staff members. The third staff member works in dietary having minimal contact with residents. Fourth, an Elm staff member tested positive, is asymptomatic and currently off work. Lastly, a staff member in the Marketing and Development Department tested positive however there was no direct exposure to residents or direct care staff. Additionally, there are no Pavilions residents with symptoms of COVID.

While there were no positive cases among the resident population, we must continue weekly testing of both staff and residents until there are no new cases among the staff and residents for 14 days. Therefore, 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.

As a reminder, 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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