

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 (MDHHS) all nursing homes in the state are mandated to test non-vaccinated staff and residents for COVID-19. We are also required to notify residents, families and staff of any positive COVID results.

This week we have completed testing as mandated by CMS, and there were three additional staff members who tested positive. These staff members have not worked in the previous 7 days prior to testing positive therefore no additional measures are required. They will remain off work through their quarantine period. Visitation remains unchanged at this time. Visitation policies can be found on our website under the weekly family updates tab.

As infection rates in the area increase we wanted to provide additional clarification about how the Pavilions determines the current infection rate. All Nursing Homes in Michigan are required to operate based on the most current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reporting data. 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. Our rate on 9/20/21 was 9.2%. We will monitor that rate again on 10/4/2021. For more information visit CMS Website w/ COVID Community Spread Rate.

As required we have developed a plan to address the positivity rates (and community spread rates) should they continue to rise. You will find this plan posted on the website. Please understand that we are following recommendations, regulations and best practices from MDHHS, CMS and CDC.

You may be aware that the Biden administration has announced that all nursing home staff must become fully vaccinated. At this time we are waiting for CMS to publish the requirements for staff vaccination and the effective date. We continue to provide 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.

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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