

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 while we have seen an increase in respiratory symptoms among staff there were no positive test results for COVID. There being no threat to residents, visitation remains unchanged at this time. However, we do encourage you to please stay informed by continuing to access the weekly family update tab for the most recent information regarding the Visitation policies. As the weather changes we will be limiting outdoor visitations and announcing plans for additional indoor visitations. This new information will be posted 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 starting 10/18/2021 (3rd Monday of the Month) was reported at 11%, which is an increase from the previous report, and considered “High.” The Prevention/ Control Measures are therefore highlighted in the High (red) column of the form and will remain in effect through the end of the month. The new CMS “community spread rate” report will be anticipated on Monday, November 1, 2021 (1st Monday of the Month). Again, please check next weeks update for any posted 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 this Update our vaccination rates as published by CMS are 99.3% for residents and 77.6% for staff, reflecting an increase in vaccination rates for the Pavilions 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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