

# WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE

Grand Traverse Pavilions update for Residents and Responsible parties during COVID-19

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Grand Traverse Pavilions saw two new cases of COVID in the staff this week, and no new cases in the resident population.

We ask that you help reduce the risk of spreading the virus by continuing to wear a well-fitting mask, by encouraging the visiting resident to wear a well-fitting mask, by maintaining social distancing and by using good hand hygiene during all visitations. Please notify Pavilions Nursing staff if you develop symptoms or become positive for COVID within 14 days of your visit.

As stated previously staff are now authorized to wear the blue procedure masks when caring for Residents. NIOSH-approved N95 masks or higher are required during the care of a resident with COVID-19 or the care of a resident on Droplet Precautions. Screening and testing remain the same for both staff and visitors.

Information on the Bivalent booster :

What is COVID-19 updated Bivalent vaccine? As of September 16, 2022 Bivalent COVID-19 vaccines are essentially updated booster shots—they will help to protect against variant strands of COVID-19 like Omicron.

When should the COVID-19 Bivalent boosters be administered? For individuals recommended to receive bivalent boosters (individuals 12 years of age and older), the booster should be received at least 2 months after completion of the primary series or at least 2 months after receipt of a monovalent booster dose (without regard to the number of previous monovalent booster doses.)

Please watch for a letter in the mail from the Pavilions regarding consent for the Bivalent booster. Hometown Pharmacy is currently able to order the approved COVID-19 booster for adults 50 years and older and for those that are immunocompromised. For residents to be considered “up to date” it will require this booster. Residents that are not up to date will need to quarantine for 7-10 days if out of the building for more than 24 hours, as well as after exposure once determined through contract tracing. If you would like to receive the Bivalent Booster, please complete and return the form by 11/4/22.

Reminders :

Families may now visit in dining areas and dine with their loved ones as long as you remain socially distanced from other residents. This means visitors may eat in the resident's room providing the roommate is not present, in the Aspen main dining room, or at an empty table in the main dining areas. Masks must be worn at all times and families must remain with the resident at all times. Masks cannot be removed at any time for any reason when visiting in public areas.

Family only pet visits will be starting again, pets of family members must complete pre-visit requirements with Activities prior to visiting. Only family pets will be allowed at this time.

As a reminder for the holiday activities please visit the link below for more information in our Fall Legacy Issue :

[https://www.gtpavilions.org/media/uploads/legacy\\_10-22\\_web.pdf](https://www.gtpavilions.org/media/uploads/legacy_10-22_web.pdf)

As always, please feel free to contact your unit Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) or Social Worker (SW) if you have any questions or concerns. Please contact Shelby, the director, or Natalia, the nurse for the Cottages.



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