

WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE

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

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As mandated by CMS, it is our responsibility to inform our residents and staff of any positive test results. Since our last update we were notified later in the day last Thursday that an unvaccinated employee tested positive for COVID. This person did not work during their infectious period. Additionally, earlier this week a notification was distributed that a fully-vaccinated direct care worker on the Cherry unit tested positive upon returning to work after several days of being off. Cherry residents have been tested and there were no positive results among the resident population.

However, as a precautionary measure, visitation on Cherry have been suspended until next week. Visitations will continue as scheduled for the remaining units. We are working on the final edits to the new Visitation Policy regarding adjustments necessitated by the changing weather. It is our intent to limit outdoor visitations and implement plans for additional indoor visitations. This new policy will be posted on our website under the weekly family updates tab in the next week.

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).

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 **COVID-19 Prevention and Source Control 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



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