

# 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 have experienced an unprecedented COVID Outbreak among the Pavilions residents. As of today, there are sixteen residents that have tested positive for COVID. Residents are being tested daily on the Cherry Unit where the outbreak initiated, and testing has now also been extended to all additional units. According to our medical team, we have opted to administer Monoclonal Antibody Therapy for treatment and post exposure prophylaxis on both the Cherry and COVID Units.

A decision to relocate all rehabilitation patients to the most recently vacated Aspen Unit is currently taking place to allow for the entire Rehabilitation Unit to be made available for COVID response and quarantine.

As you may be aware this outbreak is parallel with a significant increase in COVID cases in our community, most recently reported in the Record Eagle, that Munson Health System announced a **LEVEL RED** for their facility for the first time in their organizations history. The threat to our vulnerable population at the Pavilions is significant, and our entire staff is rising to the challenge to care for our residents during this difficult time.

In light of the current situation, visitations on all units have been suspended until further notice during outbreak period. As an option, electronic/virtual visits, and some window visitations with loved ones are still being scheduled, and can be arranged by calling your assigned social worker. There are no changes in visitations at the Cottages at this time.

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. The rate for the reporting period starting 11/10/2021 was 13.58%, which is a increase from the previous report, and is 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 next reporting period. The new CMS “community spread rate” report will be anticipated on Monday, November 15, 2021 (3rd Monday of the Month). Again, please check next weeks update for any posted changes in policies or visitation processes.

Daily screening and hygiene practices for our staff are strictly being adhered to, and clinical leadership is continually reviewing and updating our infection control practices/policies to ensure every effort is being made to prevent the introduction and/or spread of COVID-19.

Due to the increase in infection rates in the region, staff will be tested twice weekly, and we are maintaining additional safety measures for our staff including mandatory wearing of KN95 masks and heavy duty goggles or shields in direct care areas.



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