

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. We are currently experiencing an unprecedented COVID Outbreak among the Pavilions residents. As of today, there are twenty-four residents from the Cherry, Birch and Dogwood units, as well as, five staff who have tested positive since 11/5/21.

As you may be aware this outbreak is parallel with a significant increase in COVID cases in our community. The threat to our vulnerable population at the Pavilions is significant, and our entire staff is responding to the challenge to care for our residents during this difficult time.

Residents are being tested daily on these units. According to our medical team, we have opted to administer Monoclonal Antibody Therapy for treatment and post exposure prophylaxis on both the Cherry, Dogwood, Birch and COVID Units as it becomes available. We are isolating in all units to avoid the spread of the COVID infection, and have limited visitations to End of Life visits.

The following additional mitigating measures have been implemented: Residents are requested to remain in their rooms and if they are out of their rooms are requested to wear a mask. All outings with the exception of medically urgent appointments have been canceled. All Pavilions doors have been closed and only the direct care staff or those providing housekeeping services are entering. All other services such as meals and laundry are delivered to the unit doors and staff working in the unit distribute the meals and items. All staff are tested twice weekly. Direct care staff are wearing N95 masks and full PPE when providing personal services to our residents. Please know that all but 1 of our residents have been fully vaccinated and genotyping has been completed on the positive cases. We are experiencing a Delta Variant that appears to be vaccine resistant. Lastly, we are in consultation with our healthcare partners to ensure we have everything in place to mitigate the spread.

All rehabilitation patients have now been relocated to the most recently vacated Aspen Unit to allow for the entire Rehabilitation Unit to be made available for COVID response and quarantine. Visitations at the Cottages have not been impacted as there have been no positive COVID cases reported.

Today, CMS published new "community spread rate" data stating the rate is now at **16.38%**, which is a significant increase from the previous report and confirms that our region is very High. The Prevention/ Control Measures are therefore highlighted in the High (red) and OUTBREAK column of the **COVID-19 Prevention and Source Control Form** and will remain in effect through the next reporting period.

We know that you and your loved ones are concerned. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a virtual 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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