

WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE

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

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Grand Traverse Pavilions is mandated by CMS to inform our residents and staff of any positive test results for COVID-19 in our facility. For the past two weeks the Pavilions has seen an unprecedented increase in COVID cases among our resident and staff populations. This week we have had four residents test positive, and two staff members; one from Dogwood and one Elm Unit who last worked on 11/10/21. This brings our outbreak total to 30 residents from Birch, Cherry and Dogwood.

Six residents that initial tested positive for COVID are fully recovered and returned to their rooms. An additional four are set to move back to their units this weekend. Two of our residents are currently at Munson, and we are saddened to report that one resident has passed away. All but one of those residents are fully vaccinated.

We have had nine staff test positive. Two unvaccinated staff who were off work contracted COVID from other sources. Of the nine staff who tested positive, four were unvaccinated, while five are fully vaccinated.

Residents on all units are being tested daily, and those who have tested positive have been moved to the on-site COVID Isolation Unit. Additionally the medical team has been administering the Monoclonal Antibody Therapy for treatment, and post exposure prophylaxis for the units with exposure.

Rehabilitation patients have decreased due to Munson Medical Center's current **LEVEL RED PANDEMIC** response which has restricted all elective surgery.

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.

Earlier this week, CMS published the 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.

Especially as we enter the Holiday Season, we understand that you and your loved ones are concerned about the ability to visit safely. 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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