

WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE

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

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In response to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services requirements for all nursing homes to test their staff and residents for COVID-19 the most recent weekly testing was completed on Monday, 11/16/20 with nearly 600 staff and Pavilions residents tested.

As required we must notify residents, families and staff if there are any positive COVID tests. As national and state trends for COVID-19 are on the rise, we are obligated to inform our staff, residents and their families that we have confirmed six positive test result from this most recent weeks testing:

This week's testing has been completed. We were notified of six positives. Two are residents who resided on the Aspen Unit and have been relocated to our isolation unit. We are retesting the remaining residents on Aspen again today (11/18). We also had four staff positives. One staff member works primarily in the Cottages in the dietary department without symptoms, and a direct care staff who works in the life enrichment department, and is also without symptoms. The third staff member fills-in for staff on several units. The final employee tested positive prior to returning to work from vacation - there was no exposure risk to our staff or residents.

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 in the Pavilions' facilities. We have added additional safety measures for our staff including mandatory wearing of KN95 masks and heavy duty goggles or shields.

As you may be aware, many counties in our region are in the 10% or higher transmission level that will require Michigan nursing facilities to institute twice-weekly testing. Grand Traverse County is currently at 8.6% and we fully expect to enter the 10% level by next week. Currently though, we are testing once weekly for all staff and residents, those residents on the isolation unit are being tested twice weekly. We have available a BD Veritor Rapid COVID Testing Analyzer that we use for the additional testing and those who we suspect might be infected or show symptoms.

As a reminder, the current protocol for all new admissions and readmissions is to confirm a negative COVID test 72 hours prior to admission, and to quarantine for two weeks (14 days) once admitted. Additionally, those residents who leave the facility for external appointments, will also need to quarantine for two weeks (14 days) and be tested regularly for COVID-19.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to schedule a virtual or window visit with a resident please contact the pavilion Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) or social worker. For the cottages please contact the director or the cottage nurse.



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