

# 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 three weeks the Pavilions has seen an unprecedented increase in COVID cases among our resident and staff populations. This week we have had three residents test positive, and one staff member on Birch.

The recent outbreak has impacted 34 residents testing positive for COVID, many have now fully recovered and returned to their rooms. It is with great sadness we report that four of the elderly residents that succumbed to COVID have passed. All but one of those residents were fully vaccinated.

We have had a total of 12 staff test positive in the past three weeks. Of the staff who tested positive, 3 were unvaccinated, while 9 are fully vaccinated.

The Birch Pavilions is receiving ongoing testing. The remaining units are in recovery mode and with no new positives have gone to twice weekly testing. All units will be tested again on Friday.

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 are being maintained at this time: 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 unit 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 one 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.

The limited number of rehabilitation patients have been relocated to the Aspen Unit to allow for the entire Rehabilitation Unit to be made available for COVID response and quarantine. We have not admitted any new residents since the outbreak started on 11/5/21.

Visitations at the Cottages have not been impacted as there have been no positive COVID cases reported.

The CMS published "community spread rate" is at **19.93%**, which is a steady and continual increase in our community spread. Currently Michigan and Minnesota lead the nation in the highest number of COVID cases. Residents and staff who received the booster vaccine have now reached past the 2-week mark indicating the best protection against contracting the virus. Please remember if your loved one received treatment with the monoclonal antibodies they will receive a booster 90 days after treatment.

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.

From our staff to your families, we sincerely wish you all a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

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