

# 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 been made aware of several staff members reporting signs and symptoms of COVID. These individuals have so far tested negative.

Additionally, we have identified two residents on the Cherry unit who have tested positive for COVID. Both residents have been symptomatic but over the past week these residents have been testing negative until today. These identified residents have been relocated to the Rehab wing to undergo a quarantine period and treatment as needed.

As precautionary measures, visitations on all units have been suspended until further notice during outbreak period. During this time 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 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 (on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month).

The rate for the week starting 11/1/2021 (1st Monday of the Month) was reported at 9.96%, which is a slight decrease from the previous report, and still 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.

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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