

# 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 Pavilions recent weekly testing was completed on Monday, 11/30/20 with nearly 600 staff and residents tested.

As required we must notify residents, families and staff if there are any positive COVID test results. It is important to note that all individuals on the Pavilions work roster, whether they have worked recently or not, are on-call/part-time or full time, are required to be COVID-19 tested weekly.

As national and state trends for COVID-19 are on the rise, this week there was a significant increase in positive cases among our staff. We have confirmed nine (9) positive test results from this week's testing:

*Clinical staff testing positive this week include an on-call nurse who has not worked at the Pavilions since 10/27. The second is a nurse who typically works on Dogwood but has been off since 11/27. A direct care worker on Dogwood, off since 11/26, another direct care worker at Willow cottage off since 12/1, a direct care worker on Rehab, as well as, two additional direct care workers. Two support staff in environmental services/maintenance have also tested positive this week.*

Daily screening and hygiene practices for our staff are diligently 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 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. At such time that Grand Traverse County reaches this level, the Pavilions, as is with all skilled nursing facilities in the county, will be mandated to test employees twice a week. As of 12/03/2020 The Grand Traverse County Health Department reported the current positivity rate for the county as 14%, which would indicate that by our next testing, on 12/07/2020 we may need to initiate bi-weekly testing.

Any resident admitted to the isolation unit are also required to be 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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