

# WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE

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

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The leadership of Grand Traverse Pavilions is relieved to share with the residents, their families, our staff, and the community, that we have seen no new cases of COVID in the resident population at the Pavilions in the past two weeks. While testing residents and employees twice weekly, we were notified of a food service worker who tested positive last Saturday, but they had not worked several days prior to being tested.

The CMS Vaccine Mandate for healthcare workers is temporarily on hold as the results of the federal court injunction are evaluated. As of today, 99.3% of the Pavilions residents and 88% of the staff have been vaccinated, and the majority have also been provided the booster. Residents and staff who recently received the booster vaccine have now past the 2-week marker indicating the best protection against contracting the virus.

The ongoing measures being implemented until we achieve two full weeks of no positive cases of COVID among our resident or staff populations: 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 staff are being tested twice weekly. Direct care staff are wearing N95 masks and full PPE when providing personal services to our residents.

We have now resumed accepting new admissions to the Pavilions. Especially exciting this week is the update to the Pavilions visitation policy. The updated policy is posted on the website under the Family Weekly Update tab, and will be initiated on Monday, 12/13/2021. Visitations at the Cottages will continue as normal.

As a reminder, residents treated with the monoclonal antibodies are required to wait 90 days after treatment to receive their booster. The Pavilions staff will remain hyper-vigilant over the next three months to insure the safety of our residents until all are provided the booster.

We ask families “help us” by being sensitive to the health and wellness of our vulnerable population and by choosing to wear masks during scheduled visitations in the coming weeks and months.

This week, the CMS published “community spread rate” is **17.95%**. Prevention/Control Measures are therefore represented as **HIGH** on the COVID-19 Prevention and Source Control Form provided on the website, and will remain in effect through the next reporting period.

As we enter the Holiday Season, we understand that you and your loved ones are concerned about the ability to visit safely. Please review the visitation policy thoroughly and plan your visits accordingly. We encourage all visitors to become vaccinated and test for COVID prior to visiting. Although the “door” is now open we caution you to please keep in mind COVID is rampant throughout our community and you may potentially either expose or residents, or be exposed to COVID, when visiting our facility.

There are no group gatherings permitted at this time, and more than two visitors per resident at a time is discouraged. All visitors during high transmission rates must wear well-fitting face coverings and maintain social distancing. This includes everyone regardless of current vaccination status.

Please remember to be kind and courteous while visiting. During the past 22 months we have strived to do everything possible to keep your loved once safe and healthy. If you have any questions 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 all of us at the Pavilions... we **wish you WELL this Holiday Season!**



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