

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, 12/05/20, with nearly 600 staff and residents tested. Additional testing of staff was completed on 12/10/20 per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines.

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 (or bi-weekly as required by CMS).

As national and state trends for COVID-19 are on the rise, this week the test results confirmed two (2) positive cases among our staff.

Clinical staff testing positive this week included a direct care worker on the Aspen Unit, and a staff member on Elm Unit who was without symptoms.

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.

Many counties in our region are now above the 10% positivity rate of COVID infection. As of 12/07/2020 the CMS reported positivity rate for Grand Traverse County was at 10.4%. Based on this enhanced level of community infection, the Pavilions, as is with all skilled nursing facilities in the county, is mandated by CMS to test employees twice a week. Bi-weekly testing of staff was initiated this week. Under the CMS guidelines residents are not required to be tested twice weekly.

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. Any resident admitted to the isolation unit is also required to be tested twice weekly. A BD Veritor Rapid COVID Testing Analyzer is used for this additional testing, or of residents with symptoms or suspect of infection.

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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