WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE

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

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The Grand Traverse Pavilions is pleased to share that we have seen no new cases of COVID in the resident population at the Pavilions in the past three weeks. We continue to test residents and employees who present with symptoms and unvaccinated staff/residents are tested twice weekly.

The CMS Vaccine Mandate injunction has been dismissed. Michigan was not part of any specific suit against the mandate therefore we may receive new deadlines to staff to become vaccinated. As of today, 99.3% of the Pavilions residents and 90% of the staff have been vaccinated, the majority have also received the booster.

New admissions are now being accepted at the Pavilions. This past week we implemented the updated visitation policy which is posted on the website under the Family Weekly Update tab for review. We are excited for our residents and their families to be reunited, especially during the holiday season. But, we do need to remind visitors of the vulnerability of our residents. For their protection, and the protection of our valuable direct care staff, we are requiring visitors come prepared by being fully masked and of good health (having no temperature or COVID symptoms).

This week, the CMS published "community spread rate" is **15.47%.** 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. Therefore, we will not be able to accommodate group gatherings and no more than two visitors per resident is recommended. Please review the visitation policy thoroughly and plan your visits accordingly.

Please "help us" by being sensitive to the health and wellness of our vulnerable population by wearing a well-fitting masks during scheduled visitations in the coming weeks and months. For clarification, a "well-fitting" mask does not include bandanas or neck gaiters. Visitors are to bring and wear a proper fitting mask that covers the mouth and nose.

Although the "door" is now open we caution you to please keep in mind COVID is rampant throughout our community and you may potentially expose residents, or be exposed to COVID, when visiting our facility. The *Greatest Gift* that you can give to our staff, and our residents, is to be fully vaccinated before visiting the Pavilions!

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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