

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 all nursing homes in the state are mandated to test their staff and residents for COVID-19. The Pavilions weekly testing was completed on Monday, 12/14/20, with nearly 600 staff and residents tested. Additional testing of staff was completed on 12/17/20 per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines.

As required, we are notifying residents, families and staff of any positive COVID test results. 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 per CMS).

As national, state and local COVID-19 infection rates increase, this week the Monday test results confirmed four (4) positive cases among our staff.

Staff testing positive this week included a direct care worker split between Dogwood and Elm, and one on Cherry, as well as, a housekeeper and an information systems staff member. All are 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.

With the local positivity rate of COVID infection at 11.6% the Pavilions, as is with all skilled nursing facilities, is mandated by CMS to test employees twice a week. Under the CMS guidelines residents are not required to be tested twice weekly.

The Pavilions is preparing to facilitate vaccination of our residents and staff. Residents and their families can expect to receive information via mail over the next week. The vaccine is not mandatory. It will be available for staff and residents based on completed consent forms for those who wish to receive the vaccine. Wallgreen's Pharmacy will administer the vaccine and update the Immunization Registry. Information is continually evolving, we ask for your patience as we strive to communicate these changes as soon as we are able.

As a reminder, all new admissions and readmissions require a negative COVID test 72 hours prior to admission, and to quarantine for two weeks (14 days) once admitted. Residents who leave the facility 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 required to be tested twice weekly. A BD Veritor Rapid COVID Testing Analyzer is used for this additional testing 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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