

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, or staff, and the community, that we have seen no new cases of COVID in the resident or employee population at the Pavilions for the past week. While over the past month we indeed experienced a COVID outbreak at our facility, the final two residents on the Pavilions COVID Response Unit will be returning to their rooms tomorrow after completing their required quarantine.

The recent outbreak which started on November 5, 2021 impacted a total of 34 residents. It is heartbreaking to confirm five elderly residents passed as a result of succumbing to COVID virus. All but one of the residents infected were previously vaccinated.

As of today, 99.3% of the Pavilions residents and 88% of the staff have been vaccinated and provided the booster. The unfortunate reality is the booster was made available from the pharmacy also on November 5th, the first day of our outbreak. Efforts were immediately made to administer the booster to residents and staff, however, the booster is not fully effective until ten days after being administered. Residents and staff who received the booster vaccine have now past the 2-week mark indicating the best protection against contracting the virus.

Additional measures to minimize the spread of the outbreak included the decision to administer the monoclonal antibodies to residents on units which may have had a COVID exposure. This significantly helped to reduce the spread of the virus and any additional potential loss of life. We would like to share 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 are preparing to resume new admissions to the Pavilions now that all processes have been met to fully clean and sanitize the facility.

Especially exciting is the plan to update the Pavilions visitation policy for implementation next week. The updated policy will be posted on the website under the Family Weekly Update tab.

Visitations at the Cottages have not been impacted as there have been no positive COVID cases reported.

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 by choosing to wear masks during scheduled visitations going forward.

Please be mindful, the CMS published "community spread rate" is exceptionally high at **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. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a virtual visit with a resident 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 our staff to your families, we sincerely **wish you WELL!**

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