

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, 12/28/20, with nearly 600 staff and residents tested. Additional testing of staff was completed on 12/30/20 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 three (4) positive cases among our staff and residents.

Staff testing positive this week included one staff member of the Therapy Department, however this person has not worked since 12/12/20. There have been two residents on Birch who tested positive this week. One is without symptoms, and the other has mild symptoms at this time. Both have been moved to the isolation unit as a precaution.

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.

We are encouraged that local positivity rate of COVID infection have reduced to below 10% the Pavilions. If this trend continues it will negate the skilled nursing facilities requirement from 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. Please refer to the 12-28-2021 COVID-19 Consent Form posting for the most current information. Vaccinations clinics will start on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 8:30am for those residents with consent forms on file.

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.

We are all looking forward to putting 2020 behind us and looking forward to a Healthy and Happy New Year!



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