

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, 1/4/20, with nearly 600 staff and residents tested. Additional testing of staff was completed on 1/7/20 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 start to decline, we are encouraged to also see a decline in the number of confirmed positive cases among our staff and residents.

Staff testing positive this week included one (1) staff member, a nurse on the Aspen unit.

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 has reduced to 8.2%. If this trend continues it will negate the CMS requirement for skilled nursing facilities to test employees twice a week. Under the CMS guidelines residents are not required to be tested twice weekly.

The Pavilions has completed the first round of vaccination of residents and staff. Residents will receive their second dose 2/1 and 2/2. We will need a new consent for the second dose. Also new residents or those residents who did not receive their first dose in the January clinic are eligible to receive their first dose in February.

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 looking forward to the COVID-19 infection rates continuing to decline so we can welcome back our resident families and volunteers. Please continue to be diligent with your own personal efforts to stay healthy and safe.



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