

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 last two months. We continue to test residents and employees who present with symptoms and unvaccinated staff/residents are tested twice weekly. This past week we have had ten staff members from Elm, Dogwood, Dietary and Housekeeping test positive for the Omicron variant.

The CMS Vaccine Mandate for healthcare workers is moving forward in Michigan and a revised implementation date set for Thursday, January 27, 2022. The Pavilions has been recognized nationally for its outstanding vaccination rates for residents and staff. As of today, 99.3% of the Pavilions residents, as well as, 90% of the staff have been vaccinated, and a significant number have also received the booster.

Inquiries for Admissions to the Pavilions are currently being accepted. Additionally, the Pavilions is open for visitations as outlined in the visitation policy posted on the website under the Family Weekly Update tab. We are pleased that residents and their families were reunited, especially over the holiday season.

Again, we ask that you “*help us*” to care for your family and friends by being sensitive to the health and wellness of our vulnerable population. Due to the vulnerability of our residents and for the protection of our valuable direct care staff, we are requiring visitors come prepared by wearing a well-fitting masks during scheduled visitations. 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.

Please be safe, being fully masked and of good health (having no temperature or COVID symptoms) is essential, and if you have not already done so, please consider getting vaccinated before visiting the Pavilions!

However, the CDC published “community spread rate” is **14.81%**. 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. Therefore, we do ask that if possible you refrain from visiting during this high transmission rate of the Omicron variant. It is affecting individuals from the unvaccinated to those who are fully vaccinated and have received a booster. Our population is vulnerable and have comorbidities that put them at greater risk. We still offer electronic visits utilizing many different platforms.

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.

Let's all commit to a Healthy & Happy New Year!

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