

# 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, 2/15/20, with nearly 400 staff tested.

We are required to notify 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 COVID-19 tested weekly.

### ***For the 5th consecutive week we've had NO positive test results!***

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. The reduction in the local infection rate has allowed the Pavilions to reduce staff testing to once per week.

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 maintained additional safety measures for our staff including mandatory wearing of KN95 masks and heavy duty goggles or shields.

The local positivity rate of COVID infection for Grand Traverse County is currently at the **D Level**, which allows for limited indoor visitations.

With 99% of Pavilions residents now vaccinated, and no positive test results in the facility for more than a month, we are pleased to begin limited scheduled visitations with residents. Please understand, we have not fully opened our facility to visitors, nor does it mean we do not have to abide by the social distancing and face mask rules. All of those measures will remain in place until such time that MDHHS, CMS and the CDC deem it safe to stop those practices.

If you are interested in setting up a scheduled visitation please review the ***Indoor Visitation During a Pandemic, Visitation Requirements, Visitor Coronavirus Screening Form, and COVID-19 Visitor Order*** in the Weekly Family Update listing on our website. As we strive to accommodate everyone's requests, we ask for your patience as our staff works through the logistics of facilitating visitations with our residents.

At any time should a staff or resident have a COVID-19 positive test or if the County Level returns to an E we must cease all visitations immediately. This is beyond our control and has the potential to occur at any given time. If this does occur, we will cease all visitations including any in progress. We will notify families via Robo call if this should be necessary.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to schedule a 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.



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