

# 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, 2/1/20, with nearly 400 staff tested.

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.

***There have been NO positive staff or resident test results this week!***

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 recent reduction in the local infection rate has allowed the Pavilions to move forward with weekly testing of staff only, based on three consecutive weeks of no positive test results.

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 closely monitoring the local positivity rate of COVID infection. As of today, Grand Traverse County is at the **D Level**, which will now allow for limited indoor visitations. Families will be notified in the next week of the process to schedule potential visitations.

As of this week the Pavilions has completed the second vaccine clinic with 99% of residents receiving both doses. The second clinic was also initiated this week for staff and new admissions, they will received their final dose on March 1st.

To clarify, while having vaccinations completed for our residents we have not been authorized to fully open 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.

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 the assigned 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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