

# 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, 3/15/21, 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.

**We regret to report that we had a Cottage direct care worker and a resident at Willow Cottage test positive this week. The resident has been restricted to their room for the duration of the quarantine period. All residents have been tested to insure their wellbeing.**

We are staying vigilant as national, state and local COVID-19 infection rates have increased slightly as have the number of confirmed positive cases among our staff and residents over the past week. The most recent positive cases make the point that we can't let our guard down.

Daily screening and hygiene practices for our staff are strictly 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. Staff are being tested weekly and we have maintained additional safety measures for our staff including mandatory wearing of masks and heavy duty goggles or shields in direct care areas.

The local positivity rate of COVID infection for Grand Traverse County continues to decline now allowing for limited indoor visitations in Michigan based nursing facilities. However, even though the vast majority of our resident population has been vaccinated, the most recent positive cases require that we complete the outbreak testing requirements in the facility to again offer scheduled indoor visitations with the residents.

Again, at any time a staff member or resident has a positive COVID-19 test we are required to cease all indoor visitations immediately. This is beyond our control and has the potential to occur at any given time, as we experienced this past week.

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