

# 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, 3/1/21, 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.

***After six consecutive weeks of no positive test results, we must report that we have had two staff members test positive this week - both staff members provide direct patient care, both work on Birch and one also floats on Cherry. All residents have been tested to insure their wellbeing.***

As national, state and local COVID-19 infection rates continue to decline, we have been encouraged to also see a decline in the number of confirmed positive cases among our staff and residents over the past few weeks. The recent positive cases makes the point that we must remain diligent in our efforts.

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 KN95 masks and heavy duty goggles or shields in direct care areas.

The local positivity rate of COVID infection for Grand Traverse County is currently at the **D Level**, which allows for limited indoor visitations. However, even though **99%** of Pavilions residents are vaccinated, with the most recent positive cases among our staff, we must now wait until we have two consecutive weeks of no positive test results in the facility to again offer scheduled indoor visitations with 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 we strive to accommodate everyone's requests, we ask for your patience as our staff works through the logistics of reinstating the vestibule visitations with our residents until we can again offer the indoor visitations.

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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