

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 first to the twice weekly testing was completed on Monday, 4/19/21, and the second round of testing was initiated 4/22/21 with nearly 350 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.

Earlier this week we notified staff and resident family's of seven employees through rapid testing who tested positive. A PCR (gold standard test) was obtained for each and sent to the lab for processing. The results from these tests were negative confirming that these employees were not positive for COVID. However, we have confirmed two direct care worker have tested positive this week; one on Elm and one on the Rehab unit. All residents have or are currently being tested to insure their wellbeing.

Grand Traverse County is at the level E per the MI Start Map and the published CMS positivity rate for Grand Traverse County this week was 15.6%. With the rise in cases we ask that any family visitors consent to a COVID test prior to visiting a loved one. This is for the well-being of your loved one and the rest of our residents and staff. Per the CMS most recent guidelines these rates do not prohibit visitation unless we have positive cases within our resident population or staff.

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. Due to the increase in infection rates in the region, staff are now being tested twice weekly, and we are maintaining additional safety measures for our staff including mandatory wearing of KN95 masks and heavy duty goggles or shields in direct care areas.

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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