

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, 4/5/21, 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.

We regret to report that we had a direct care worker at the Cottages test positive this week. The residents are also being tested to insure their wellbeing.

As national, state and local COVID-19 infection rates continue to increase to insure we are remaining vigilant to encourage staff mindful of the increased risk of exposure. The most recent positive case make the point that we can't let our guard down.

Grand Traverse County is at the level E per the MI Start Map and the published CMS positivity rate is at 9.9%. Grand Traverse County Health Department records the county with 11.3% positivity rate. With the rise in cases we ask that you consent to a COVID test prior to visiting your loved one. Per the CMS 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. 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.

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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