

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 (MDHHS) all nursing homes in the state are mandated to test their staff and residents for COVID-19. We are also required to notify residents, families and staff of any positive COVID results.

We are pleased to share there were **NO positive test results from our staff or residents confirmed in the **last three weeks**.**

You may be aware that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the CDC have updated recommendations and guidelines regarding masking, vaccination status, visitation and routine testing for COVID. These guidelines contain information such as not wearing a mask indoors if you are fully vaccinated, visitations in a facility without wearing a mask, and vaccinated individuals should not routinely be tested for COVID. However, as a health care facility in Michigan we are bound to follow the most stringent rules. At this time MDHHS who oversees healthcare facilities in Michigan has informed us that they have not adopted the CDC or CMS guidelines and we are still required to follow the latest epidemic order put forth by MDHHS. For residential care facilities that order was issued on March 17, 2021. It instructs facilities to follow the QSO-20-39-NH guidance issued September 17, 2020 and updated March 10, 2021. Our current visitation policy follows these guidelines. At this time we are not allowed to follow the guidelines that were published by the CDC and CMS on April 27, 2021.

Therefore, the Grand Traverse Pavilions visitation policy allows for outdoor visits which have very little restrictions for those residents who are fully vaccinated. As the weather is improving we are working diligently on setting up cozy comfortable visitation areas outside. We hope you can take advantage of these areas and opt to bring your loved one outside. The policy also allows for community outings. This is a very exciting prospect for many residents. Some ideas might be to take them for a short car ride, park at one of the many public beaches and enjoy the view, or enjoy a special treat by going for ice cream. We only ask that you read the requirements for setting up these outings and be respectful of the times for pick up and returns. At such time MDHHS allows facilities to adopt the additional recommendations from CMS and the CDC we will notify you of any revised visitations guidelines or policies via automated call to read the revisions posted on our web site under the family weekly updates.

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.

Thank you again for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate the endless rule changes published by CMS, CDC and MDDHS.



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