

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 non-vaccinated 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 over two months.**

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 are still operating on the epidemic order for residential care facilities issued on May 21, 2021.

The Pavilions has, however, reinstated communal dining, and group activities are slowly being reintroduced for our residents per the guidelines set forth in the current orders. Additionally, the most recent Grand Traverse Pavilions visitation policy (published along with these Family Weekly Updates) allows for outdoor visits with very little restrictions for those residents who are fully vaccinated. Weather dependent, we have established a comfortable outdoor visitation area under the large tent on the Grand Lawn. We hope you can take advantage of the outdoor 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. We only ask that you read the requirements for setting up these outings and be respectful of the times for pick up and returns.

We are excited to share an opportunity for our residents and their families next week for a special limited audience performance of the 126th Michigan National Guard Army Band on Tuesday evening, at 7pm, June 29, 2021. We encourage families to make arrangements to sign out their family member so that you can enjoy the concert together. You will need to bring your own portable seating. This will also be the case with the Concerts on the Lawn which are scheduled to start next Thursday evening, July 1, 2021 as part of the Pavilions music therapy program for our residents which are extended to the community. For a full concert schedule visit our website at <https://www.gtpavilions.org/news-events/2021-concerts-on-the-lawn/>

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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