

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 again share have NO positive test results to report from our staff or residents.

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. However, as a health care facility in Michigan we are bound to follow the most stringent rules, and at this time MDHHS who oversees healthcare facilities in Michigan has informed us that they have not adopted the CDC or CMS guidelines in their entirety. We are operating on the epidemic order for residential care facilities issued on May 21, 2021 and the guidance published on June 15, 2021. Visitors, staff, families or any other outside entities may not enter the buildings without having a properly fitting mask on. Screening will occur including a temperature check. The guidance also recommends continuing to have indoor visitation by appointment, limiting visitors to those 13 years and older and limit the number of individuals to two persons per scheduled visit. The guidance also refers to the CMS QSO 20-39-NH which also states that facilities may limit the number of visitors in the facility at any given time, set designated visitation areas and practice physical distancing. You may access these documents here:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/5.21.21_RCF_Final_726030_7.pdf

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/Residential_Care_Facilities_May_21_2021_Order_Guidance_727968_7.pdf

The Pavilions has reinstated communal dining and group activities 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. We hope you can take advantage of the outdoor areas on the beautiful Pavilions campus and opt to bring your loved one outside.

We encourage resident families to consider signing out their family member for the weekly Concerts on the Lawn offered each **Thursday evening at 7pm (July – August)** as part of the Pavilions music therapy program for our residents, and extended to the community. We are now able to offer livestreaming of the concerts courtesy of our partnership with CommuO2, a FREE integrated platform that works with your mobile/tablet devices. For more information check out our web page at <https://www.gtpavilions.org/news-events/live-streaming-information/>

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!



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