

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.

After several months of no positive test results we were notified earlier this week of a fully-vaccinated staff member who worked last Sunday on the Cherry Unit, who tested positive mid-week at their Dr.'s Office. 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, have been COVID-19 tested and there have been no other positive test results.

With the notification of a positive exposure among our staff, we would like to share that all scheduled visitations for residents in the Cherry Pavilion in the main building have been cancelled at this time. The CMS and MDHHS communication on the visitation process were published last week are current. If there are no other positive cases identified, is anticipated that the new policy will be available and implemented by August 9, 2021. We appreciate your patience as we navigate the many regulatory requirements. In the meantime the current documents regarding visitation are available at:

<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

There will be no changes at this time to the 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. Visitations for Cottage residents have not been restricted at this time.

Since there are no new MDHHS restrictions, we will continue to offer the Concerts on the Lawn performances Thursday evenings at 7pm. For a full list of scheduled concerts for the summer please visit the Pavilions website <https://www.gtpavilions.org/news-events/2021-concerts-on-the-lawn/>, or you can now live stream the concerts for free, to view in the comfort of your own home 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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