

# 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.*

This week we have completed testing as mandated by CMS, and there were two staff members who tested positive—one fully vaccinated staff member and one unvaccinated staff member. We initiated outbreak testing as required and suspended visitations during the initial testing. There have been no further positive cases. As a result visitation has resumed at the Pavilions with current restrictions in place. The current policy allows for limited indoor visits, and outdoor visits with very little restrictions for those residents who are fully vaccinated.

As infection rates in the area increase we wanted to provide some clarification about how the Pavilions determines the current infection rate. All Nursing Homes in Michigan are required to operate based on the most current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) data related to current COVID positivity rate data they provided weekly. As of September 10, 2021, CMS published new criteria to track the county positivity rate. This criteria aims to reflect the “community spread rate” vs. the community positivity rate. We are directed to monitor our level of community transmission rates every other week. Our rate on 9/20/21 was 9.2%. We will monitor that rate again on 10/4/2021. For more information visit CMS Website w/ COVID Community Spread Rate.

*As required we have developed a plan to address the positivity rates (and community spread rates) should they continue to rise. You will find this plan posted on the website. Please understand that we are following recommendations, regulations and best practices from MDHHS, CMS and CDC.*

You may be aware that the Biden administration has announced that all nursing home staff become fully vaccinated. At this time we are waiting for CMS to publish the requirements for staff vaccination and the effective date. We continue to provide education and access to the vaccination for both residents and staff. Our numbers will fluctuate with admissions and discharges along with hiring and the departure of staff.

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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