

# 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.*

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 infection rate data they provided weekly. As of August 30, 2021 CMS published the infection rate for Grand Traverse County at 6%. We realize that local media has stated the local positivity rate for the region at 10.7% per the Ticker (9/1/21). While this information is conflicting, we are mandated to operate at the direction of CMS and their related procedural orders.

This week we have completed a 2 week period of outbreak testing as mandated by CMS due to a positive fully vaccinated staff member. There were no additional COVID positive staff or residents identified. All units are open for visitation per our policies.

We encourage you to stay informed by continuing to review the Family Weekly Updates. The current policy allows for limited indoor visits, and outdoor visits with very little restrictions for those residents who are fully vaccinated. Visitations for Cottage residents are not restricted at this time.

*As required we have developed a plan to address the positivity rates should they 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. As of today we have 97.5% of our residents fully vaccinated and 77.3% of staff. 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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