

WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE

Grand Traverse Pavilions update for Residents and Responsible parties during COVID-19

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Grand Traverse Pavilions saw two new cases of COVID in the staff in the last week, and no new cases in the resident population this week.

This week new guidelines have been released. We are reviewing these guidelines and will place updates in the next family update. You may have seen or heard that masks are no longer required in nursing home and that is not true. This guideline takes into account community transmission rates and we in Grand Traverse County are still listed as high, so at this time there are no changes in our masking requirements. If you visit the ma please remember to look for the community transmission rate.

Here is some information that may help: Defining Community Transmission of SARS-CoV-2:

Select IPC measures (e.g., use of source control, screening testing of nursing home admissions) are influenced by levels of SARS-CoV-2 transmission in the community. [Community Transmission](#) is the metric currently recommended to guide select practices in healthcare settings to allow for earlier intervention, before there is strain on the healthcare system and to better protect the individuals seeking care in these settings. The [Community Transmission](#) metric is different from the COVID-19 Community Level metric used for non-healthcare settings. Community Transmission refers to measures of the presence and spread of SARS-CoV-2. COVID-19 Community Levels place an emphasis on measures of the impact of COVID-19 in terms of hospitalizations and healthcare system strain, while accounting for transmission in the community.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Fnursing-home-long-term-care.html

We ask that you help reduce the risk of spreading the virus by continuing to wear a well-fitting mask, by encouraging the visiting resident to wear a well-fitting mask, by maintaining social distancing and by using good hand hygiene during all visitations. Please notify Pavilions Nursing staff if you develop symptoms or become positive for COVID within 14 days of your visit.

Here is some information on the Bivalent booster :

What is COVID-19 updated Bivalent vaccine? As of September 16, 2022 Bivalent COVID-19 vaccines are essentially updated booster shots—they will help to protect against variant strands of COVID-19 like Omicron.

When should the COVID-19 Bivalent boosters be administered? For individuals recommended to receive bivalent boosters (individuals 12 years of age and older), the booster should be received at least 2 months after completion of the primary series or at least 2 months after receipt of a monovalent booster dose (without regard to the number of previous monovalent booster doses).

Hometown Pharmacy now has the Bivalent booster available. If you are interested in your loved on receiving the Bivalent booster please contact your Pavilion ADON.

Reminders :

Families may now visit in dining areas with loved ones. Masks must be worn at all times and families must remain with the Resident at all time. Masks cannot be removed at any time for any reason when visiting in public areas.

Family only pet visits will be starting again, pets of family members must complete pre-visit requirements with Activities prior to visit. Only family pets will be allowed at this time.

As always, please feel free to contact your unit Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) or Social Worker (SW) if you have any questions or concerns. Please contact Shelby, the director, or Natalia, the Cottage nurse for the Cottages.



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