## WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE

Grand Traverse Pavilions update for residents and responsible parties during COVID-19

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We were notified today of another resident who resides on the Aspen unit of a positive test from 7/20/2020. This resident has not had any symptoms nor has any staff. The quarantine period is up. We have not had any active cases of COVID in our facility.

The employees who tested positive from 7/20 are now testing negative. We have determined today that we are switching to another lab for more timely results and are diligently working this week to get everything set up for testing on Monday.

Our facility is on the list to receive one of the rapid testing machines from the government. These machines are antigen tests and have a higher rate of false negatives and are not as sensitive as molecular tests.

"Antigen diagnostic tests quickly detect fragments of proteins found on or within the virus by testing samples collected from the nasal cavity using swabs. Negative results should generally be treated as presumptive, do not rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or patient management decisions, including infection control decisions. If necessary, confirmation with a molecular assay for patient management may be performed. Negative results should be considered in the context of a patient's recent exposures, history and the presence of clinical signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19, and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or patient management decisions, including infection control decisions."

We will keep you informed as we are provided information. Thank you for your continued support and patience while we navigate these troubling times.

As always, if you have any questions please contact your pavilion ADON or social worker. For the cottages please contact the director or the cottage nurse.



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