

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 notification of the Governor's orders for all nursing homes to test their staff and residents for COVID-19 the most recent weekly testing was completed on Monday, September 28th. Nearly 400 staff, 185 Pavilions residents and 60 Cottage residents were tested.

As required we must notify residents, families and staff if there are any positive COVID tests. We are very pleased to share that there were no cases of staff or residents testing positive for COVID-19 in this weeks lab report of test results.

Due to a previous positive test result (week of 9/21/2020) the Pavilions was required to resume testing of the resident population on a weekly bases until we achieve the desired status of *"With two weeks of no positive COVID-19 cases confirmed in the resident population, it is no longer required to test the residents"*. Therefore, resident testing will be conducted again next week in effort to achieve the desired two weeks of no positive cases.

As a reminder, the current protocol for all new admissions, readmissions is to confirm a negative COVID test 72 hours prior to admission, and to quarantine for two weeks (14 days) once admitted. Additionally, those residents who leave the facility for external appointments, will also need to quarantine for two weeks (14 days) and be tested regularly for COVID-19.

Weekly employee testing will continue until further notice, as mandated, due to the regions Medium-High Risk COVID status per the States *Safe Map*.

Additionally, regarding recent communication that allow for the potential of outdoor visitation of residents with families, this can only be initiated once the facility has "had no new COVID-19 cases originate there within the previous 14 days."

Once the Pavilions meets the mandated guidelines above required to allow for outdoor resident visitation, appointments will be scheduled taking into consideration the weather conditions and the facilities ability to meet family requests safely, while maintaining the integrity of care for the residents. Please view next week for the new "Outdoor Visitation Policy", which again can only be implemented if we have had two weeks of no new COVID-19 cases, thus meeting the 14 day requirement. We sincerely look forward to the opportunity to offer this services as soon as we can do so safely.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to schedule a virtual or window visit with a resident please contact the pavilion Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) or social worker. For the cottages please contact the director or the cottage nurse.



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