

# 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) requirements for all nursing homes to test their staff and residents for COVID-19 the most recent weekly testing was completed on Monday 10/19/20 with nearly 600 staff and Pavilions residents tested. We are pleased to report there were no positive test results this week.

While there were no positive cases this week, we must continue weekly testing of both staff and residents until there are no new cases among the staff and residents for 14 days. Therefore, testing will be conducted again next week in effort to achieve the desired two weeks of no positive cases.

The MDHHS Department has authority over nursing facilities in the event of a pandemic. State MDHHS Director Gordon has now indicated that Nursing facilities may institute indoor visits if, and only if, the facility has maintained no positive COVID test results for a two week (14 day) period.

Based on this information the Pavilions may initiate indoor visits after the test results are confirmed from the Monday 10/26/20 testing. However, the ability to provide ongoing visitation will depend solely on the facilities continued status of having no positive test results among the resident or staff population.

The following visitation rules will be required to maintain the safety of our residents, staff and visitors (no exceptions will be allowed):

- \* COVID testing is mandatory of all visitors at the time of the visit, or the visitor must provide negative results no older than 72 hours at the time of the visit
- \* Visitor screenings will take place including temperature checks, either manual or with thermal imaging equipment
- \* All current infection control practices will be required and include; hand hygiene, masking, and maintaining a 6 foot distance from staff and residents
- \* All visits will be supervised and will occur outside of the units
- \* No food or drink will be allowed during the visit
- \* Visits will be limited to no more than 2 visitors at a time and will be arranged by appointment only
- \* Visits must be limited to 30 minutes at designated days/times, which may be subject to change
- \* Residents who are in isolation will not be permitted visits

While we are very pleased to be able to consider offering in person visits for our residents and their family and friends... please remember, the ability to offer visitations could change depending on our county's positivity rate (currently at a D level). E level counties are not permitted to conduct indoor visits. If during any testing period a staff or resident tests positive all indoor visitation will stop until the 14 day rule has been met.

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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