

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 requirements for all nursing homes to test their staff and residents for COVID-19 the most recent weekly testing was completed on Monday, 10/25/20 with nearly 600 staff and Pavilions residents tested.

As required we must notify residents, families and staff if there are any positive COVID tests. As national and state trends for COVID-19 are on the rise, we too have seen an increase in positive test results this past week. The following notifications were issued on Wednesday, 10/28/20:

We are notifying you [resident family members and staff] of 3 employee positive COVID tests this week; a direct care worker on Rehab who worked last weekend and asymptomatic, a direct care worker from Willow who worked on 10/25 and asymptomatic, and a direct care worker on Aspen who has been off work since 10/13 with symptoms. At this time we do not have any positive COVID tests among our resident population, however we are still awaiting for additional results. Unfortunately, any positive COVID tests would prohibit the Pavilions and Cottages from offering indoor visitation until we meet the criteria of no positives within a 14 day period. Please be assured that we are following strict infection control protocols within our facility including disinfecting, screening, testing, masking and other required PPE.

Today the regional COVID Level was upgraded to Level E unfortunately a level that prohibits indoor visitations for nursing facilities. This mandate will be in force until there is a regional decrease in the number of confirmed positive cases reported, regardless of our facility's COVID status in the coming weeks. However, we remain committed to preparing for the potential of family visitations as soon as we are able and have prepared a formal visitation policy for your review. The full Indoor Visitation Policy will be posted on the Weekly Family Update site as soon as we are able to implement the policy.

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.

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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