

# WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE

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

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We are pleased to report that the COVID-19 weekly testing and reporting being conducted with Solaris Laboratory since earlier this month has consistently been demonstrating the Pavilions staff and residents remain COVID free. The change was made with the goal of receiving test results within 48 hours of the lab receives the samples.

## COVID Testing Results From Lab:

- ***We have received all the results from the 08/24 employee testing, and all the results were negative.***

Based on previous negative test results for our resident population, the regulations state that *“With two weeks of no positive COVID-19 cases confirmed in the resident population, it is no longer required to test the residents”*. However, weekly employee testing will continue as mandated due to the regions Medium-High Risk COVID status per the States *Safe Map*.

Thermal Imaging scanning equipment has now fully automated the daily assessment of all staff/personnel entering the facility. Additional thermal units have been made possible through grants from the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation—Urgent Needs Fund.

This equipment provides timely reporting on employee temperature, and warns nursing staff of any high temp variances, as well as, photographs and documents the employees response to the pertinent COVID-19 screening criteria. It will be implemented for visitor/vendor screenings in the future.

We sincerely hope these updates and the timely sharing of this information helps ease concerns, and assures that we are making every effort to be transparent, responsive, and accountable regarding the care of our residents and staff.

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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