

# 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 21st with nearly 400 staff and 185 residents tested.

As required we must notify residents, families and staff if there are any positive COVID tests. Staff, residents and responsible parties were notified of the following:

*We were alerted today (09/23/2020) that two staff members have tested positive from our Monday (09/21/2020) testing. One staff member is a direct care worker (without symptoms) on the Dogwood Pavilion, the other is an on-call staff member who has not worked since 07/31/2020. Please note, all residents including those on Dogwood unit have tested negative.*

The Pavilions is required to continue 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 and those who leave the facility for external appointments, is to quarantine for two weeks (14 days) and 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.

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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