



Family Updates

Testing Results

After six straight weeks without a positive test (weeks of January 18 - February 22), we have had a staff positive the week of March 1. A resident tested positive later that same week. There were no positive test results during the week of March 8. There was an identified COVID positive cottage direct care worker the week of March 15. A Willow Cottage resident positive test result was also received later that week. As of March 15, CMS's published positivity rate for Grand Traverse County is at 6.4%. We will continue watching this closely as we will be required to reinstate the twice weekly testing for staff should the positivity rate return to 10%+. Starting March 22, 2021 we will start new testing procedures. MDHHS has mandated that we utilize the BinaxNow and BD Veritor rapid tests that were allotted through the government. We will only do confirmatory PCR tests from this point forward.

Staff Screening

Staff are required to enter the building through the employee tunnel wearing their mask. Employees have their temperature and photo taken via the thermal camera. If a temperature is outside of the acceptable range of 94-100 degrees, the nursing supervisor and administration are instantly alerted and an assessment is conducted by nursing at this time. If the temperature is acceptable, the screen on the thermal camera flashes green and staff proceed to the questionnaire kiosk to complete the screening. Should staff check yes to any symptoms, the system prevents them from completing the screening process and a nursing assessment is completed at the time.

Visitation

We continue with a large volume of electronic visits between the residents and their families. The county level per the MI Start Map rose to the level E on March 13, 2021. As we understand this it does not prohibit visitations however, both MDHHS and CMS issued revised rules and regulations on how visitations can be conducted. We have revised the visitation procedures and they are posted on the family weekly update. We can no longer mandate testing of visitors, although we will request and highly encourage visitors allow for rapid testing. Some of the other changes include limited touching (such as hand holding) for less than 15 minutes with hand hygiene before and after, if the resident is fully vaccinated and wishes to engage in this type of visit. All parties, including the residents, will remain masked and a face shield will now be required. There will be no eating or drinking during a visitation. Visitation will be immediately suspended upon notification of a positive test. Outbreak testing will commence and visitation may be partially restored depending on testing results.

Communication

In addition to phone conferences between families and staff, COVID information and facility happenings can be found on our website under the Weekly Family Update tab, the Neighborhood News and the Legacy publication. In the event that families need to be notified of a positive COVID case, a ROBO call is sent out with information needed and direction to review the facility update page. Staff receive a facility text notifying them of a positive COVID. Our residents are notified verbally with reassurances and questions answered.

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WALL OF HONOR

Interested in having your Veteran displayed on our Wall of Honor? Our Life Enrichment Team continues to gather information specific to your loved ones' time of military service. We will create a frame that will be displayed proudly along Main Street and at the cottages.

For more information on this opportunity please contact your Life Enrichment Coordinator.

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Infection Control

Employee and resident illness is tracked through our infection control processes to ensure that staff and residents are not exposing otherwise healthy individuals to potential germs. Staff and residents practice strict hand hygiene. Facility surfaces are disinfected several times daily and as needed. Staff are continually provided education on infection control practices within the workplace, in the community and at home. Staff are also required to wear eye protection while in the resident areas. We continue to administer the influenza vaccine to staff and residents. MDHHS and CMS have issued new guidance on the cohorting of new admissions and readmissions. We no longer have to have those residents who have outside appointments in isolation, if fully vaccinated. They are allowed to return to their rooms for quarantine (14 days in their room), without having to initiate further isolation procedures. There is also provisions for new admissions who are fully vaccinated. Those individuals no longer have to be admitted with full PPE protocols, but remain quarantined for 14 days. We are sorting through the information and revising policies as warranted.

Vaccine

We have started to admit short-term residents who have had one dose of vaccine. Finding the second dose is difficult at this time, however we continue to work on assisting in the second dose. Hometown Pharmacy is still waiting for their allotment of vaccine. Once received, they will be able to vaccinate residents and any staff wishing to receive it. Vaccination does not preclude staff or residents from adhering to current infection control practices or allow staff from wearing required PPE. About 60% of Pavilions' staff have been vaccinated and nearly all residents in both the nursing home and assisted living have received the vaccine.

Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

Currently we have an adequate supply of gowns, face shields and masks. As a result of the declining numbers of COVID cases in our county and State, we have allowed staff to return to surgical masks with goggles or face shields with the exception of the isolation unit. Full PPE including isolation gowns are utilized in the isolation unit and fitted N95's are mandatory in the care of COVID positive residents.

COVID Surveys

The State Licensing Infection Control Survey (SLICS) that occurred on January 27, that all facilities in Michigan are required to participate in, has still not sent an official report with the results of this survey.

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