



**December  
2021**



## Neighborhood News

### **Gifts of Clothing**

Make sure to get all clothing gifts labeled prior to sending them to laundry. Contact your social worker for assistance.

### **Gifts of Food**

During the holidays, many food items are given as gifts. If there is any question about allergies, food restrictions, refrigeration or storage please check with the nursing staff.

### **Donated Gifts**

Any donated gifts need to be wrapped, and labeled. The tag should indicate ~ gift item description (colors and sizes), whether it is for male or female, and your name if you choose. These gifts will be distributed by our staff.



### **Family Updates**

#### **Testing Results**

We are saddened to report that after almost 20 months of being COVID free during this pandemic, we are experiencing our first outbreak. Starting November 5<sup>th</sup> we have had 33 residents and 11 staff testing positive for COVID-19. This outbreak started in our vaccinated population. We only have 1 unvaccinated resident who did not test positive until earlier this week. Three residents were hospitalized and one has since been readmitted. Three residents have passed away due to COVID. Of the 11 employees, 4 were exposed outside of our facility. We have completed genotyping with our positive cases both residents and staff. The results is a Delta Variant that appears to be vaccine resistant. Residents are being tested almost daily and staff are tested twice weekly. Anyone either staff or residents is tested when they are symptomatic. Our county positivity rate was 19.41% on November 22nd. CMS shows our facility as having 99.3% of residents and 80.1% of staff vaccinated as of November 7, 2021



#### **Visitation**

We continue with electronic visits between the residents and their families. Due to the continued outbreak we have suspended all visitations to mitigate the spread. Facility policies are available on our website under the Family Weekly Update tab. CMS and MDHHS have issued new visitation guidance however we are awaiting the guidance for implementation.



**December 24th**



**December 25th**



**December 31st**



## **Giving to Employees during the Holidays!**

During this holiday season when constituents and families wish to express appreciation to Organization staff by gift giving, please keep in mind the following which is in accordance with the Organization's Code of Conduct standards:

***Employees may accept individual gifts of nominal value, (under \$15.00).***

***Employees may never accept cash or cash equivalents, such as gift certificates.***

***Perishable or consumable gifts given to a department or group are not subject to any specific limitation.***

The Organization very much appreciates the desire to acknowledge our employees, but requests that your generosity comply with our Code of Conduct standards.

## **Just a Friendly REMINDER**

Just a reminder that during the Holidays we may not have live Christmas trees or Wreaths in any area of our buildings. Any artificial decorations must be U.L approved.

Also if you drop off any items that require electricity to put in the residents rooms (Christmas Trees etc.) these items will need to be checked by the Environmental Service Department. Power strips used as extension cords are not allowed. We appreciate your assistance in providing a safe Holiday Season for your loved one.



We ask that you exercise caution when entering and exiting our buildings. Our Environmental Services department does a wonderful job of keeping the parking lots plowed and they shovel snow from the walks and steps multiple times throughout the day. When it snows, every effort is made to get the shoveling done before the first visitors or activities of the day begin. Please do not hesitate to contact any staff member, or Environmental Services at (231) 932-3131, if you have concerns about snow or ice.

### Social Workers

Aspen/Birch - Stephanie Annis...932-3207  
Cherry - .....932-3307  
Dogwood - Cindi Pobuda.....932-3407  
Elm - Holly Kazim.....932-3507  
Rehab - Kim Kucharski.....932-3727  
Emily Tyrrell .....932-3707

Main Building - 1000 Pavilions Circle Traverse City, MI 49684 (231) 932-3000  
Evergreen Cottage - 521 Cottageview Drive (231) 932-3600  
Hawthorn Cottage - 523 Cottage Arbor Lane (231) 932-3620  
Willow Cottage - 525 Cottage Arbor Lane (231) 932-3640  
Grand Traverse Pavilions Foundation Office (231) 932-3018  
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