



Family Updates

Testing Results

We are still receiving our COVID test results within 48 hours of receipt. Since our last report, we have tested staff and residents for four weeks running. Staff were tested twice weekly due to the positivity rates greater than 10% as published by CMS. For the week of December 14-17, we had four staff positive with mild to no symptoms. The week of December 21-23, there were three staff positive with mild to no symptoms. The week of December 28-30, we had one staff and two residents test positive. One resident received monoclonal antibody treatments and fully recovered, while the second resident and staff member had mild symptoms. The week of January 4-7, there was no positives. We only tested staff and residents once the week of January 11 due to the three-week decrease in the positivity rate. The result was one cottage resident positive who was asymptomatic. Finally, the testing that took place on January 18 resulted in no new positive test results. As of January 25, CMS's published positivity rate for Grand Traverse County had dropped to 7.5%.

Staff Screening

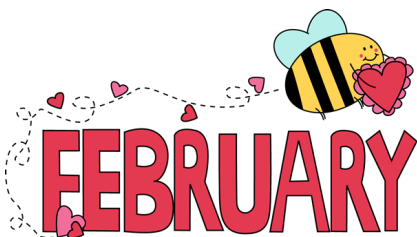
Staff are required to enter the building through the employee tunnel wearing their mask. Employees have their temperature and photo taken via the thermal camera. If a temperature is outside of the acceptable range of 94 -100 degrees, the nursing supervisor and administration are instantly alerted and 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 this time.

Visitation

We continue with a large volume of electronic visits between the residents and their families. Window visits continue weekly. Due to the harsh weather families are permitted to be in the vestibule where it is heated, while the resident is in the lobby during the visit (available in the main building only). The doors remain locked and serve as the barrier between the residents and visitors. There are no in person, indoor visitations. Family members will still have to make an appointment as usual. We have not been able to facilitate any in person visits due to several factors including 14 days without a new COVID positive case and our county is at the level E on the MI Start map for county risk levels. We have no indication that our county or state will allow indoor visitation in the near future.

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.



February 2nd



February 14th



February 17th



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. We partnered with Walgreens Pharmacy to administer COVID vaccinations to our residents and staff. The first dose of the Moderna vaccine was administered on January 4-7. 98% of residents and 46% of staff received their first dose. The second vaccination clinic is scheduled February 1-4, with both residents and staff receiving their second dose as well as those wishing to receive a first dose. The third and final clinic, scheduled for March 1-3, will be for only those needing their second dose from clinic 2. All must choose to be vaccinated by the second clinic as there will be no first doses administered at the final clinic. Vaccination does not preclude staff or residents from adhering to current infection control practices or allow staff from wearing required PPE.

As interpreted by MDHHS, all new admissions, readmissions and those residents who leave the facility for appointments must be quarantined (preferably on the same unit) for 14 days regardless of a resident's COVID status. The Rehab unit is utilized for this purpose and has been divided into three sections – new and readmissions, those who go out for an appointment and those who become COVID positive. Staff on this unit are required to wear KN95's along with full PPE including face shields when entering any isolation room.

Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

Currently we have an adequate supply of gowns, face shields and masks. The glove shortage continues and although we have enough supplies to provide care, sizes and type are often not available. Other than gloves, we have managed a healthy supply of PPE to last us through the winter and flu season. We continue to search out legitimate suppliers of approved PPE. All staff are wearing KN95 masks, heavy-duty goggles and/or face shields. Full PPE including isolation gowns are utilized in the isolation unit and fitted N95's are mandatory in the care of COVID positive residents.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to schedule a virtual or Vestibule visit with a resident please contact your pavilions Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) or social worker. For the cottages please contact the director or the cottage nurse.

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