



July 2021
Neighborhood News

Family Updates

Testing Results

We have not had any positive test results in our resident or staff population since April 19. CMS's published positivity rate for Grand Traverse County has decreased to 1.6% as of June 21, 2021. CMS published new guidelines for staff testing. If a staff member is fully vaccinated and the facility is not in outbreak testing mode, then routine COVID testing is not required. We have approximately 72% of staff vaccinated and 98% of residents. The percentages fluctuate depending on employment status and new admissions and discharges.

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 imaging 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 that time.

Visitation

We continue to have electronic visits between the residents and their families, although this has declined with better weather. There has been an increasing volume of outdoor and community visits occurring for our residents and their families. There has been no change to indoor visitation by MDHHS and as a result, our indoor visitation policy remains unchanged at this time. The county level per the MI Start Map has dropped to a level B.

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. We have not had to use this system for nearly two months.

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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.

Vaccinations

Our contract pharmacy provider, Hometown Pharmacy, has Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccine available to be administered to our new residents and for new or current staff that choose to be vaccinated. Vaccination does not preclude staff or residents from adhering to current infection control practices or relieve staff from wearing required PPE.

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, staff have returned to wearing surgical masks instead of respirator masks with the exception of in isolation rooms. Full PPE, including isolation gowns, face shields and respirator masks are utilized in isolation rooms. For any residents who are COVID-positive, fitted N95's are mandatory.



**2021
Concerts
On the Lawn**
Grand Traverse Pavilions

Enjoy a summer evening with great music, family and good friends every Thursday night on the Grand Traverse Pavilions Grand Lawn starting July 1 – August 26 beginning at 7:00pm!

Food concessions will be available and new this year – Grand Traverse Pavilions will be introducing live streaming! So stay tuned for more information to come!
Donations and proceeds are welcome and help support the Grand Traverse Pavilions mission to enhance the quality of life for aging adults in the community.

For more details visit:
<https://www.gtpavilions.org/news-events/2021-concerts-on-the-lawn/>

July 1 - Elvis Tribute

July 8 - Gordon Lightfoot Tribute

July 15 - Remembering Patsy Cline
Ft. Judy Harrison

July 22 - Petoskey Steel Drum Band

July 29 - Peter, Paul and Mary Remembered

August 5 - Bay Area Little Big Band

August 12 - K. Jones & The Benzie Playboys

August 19 - Backroom Gang

August 26 - Miriam Pico & Friends

Social Workers

Aspen/Birch - Nicole Saheb932-3107
Cherry - Amy Stein-Hansen.....932-3307
Dogwood - Cindi Pobuda.....932-3407
Elm - Holly Kazim.....932-3507
Rehab - Leah Masters.....932-3707
Kim Kucharski.....932-3727

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
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