



## 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 4.9% as of June 1, 2021. CMS published new testing guidelines for staff. 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 70% 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 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 with a large volume of electronic visits between the residents and their families. The county level per the MI Start Map has dropped to a level D. Although this does not impact visitation we have revised our procedures on the different methods of visitation and have posted them on the family weekly update page. Included in this update are the addition of outdoor visits and community outings. As a reminder, indoor visitation must cease upon the identification of a positive staff or resident until at least 1 round of outbreak testing has been completed. MDHHS has not adopted the revisions to visitation that CMS published on April 27, 2021 at this time.

### **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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### **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.

### **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 goggles 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.

### **COVID Surveys**

We have not received any further infection control focus surveys at this time.



## **IT'S BACK!**

Beginning June 1st, 2021, the front gate will be in use Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm. This is to ensure parking availability for resident family members, guests, and outpatient therapy clients. The code which changes frequently, will be available for visitors at the front desk or in outpatient therapy. You may also ask your loved ones social worker or ADON when calling to set up a visitation.

#### **Social Workers**

Aspen/Birch - Nicole Saheb .....932-3107  
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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