



Neighborhood News



FaceTime has continued to play a huge role in keeping our residents and their families connected. To set up your next video chat with a Pavilions or Cottage resident, family members are asked to reach out to their individual social worker or life enrichment staff for more information. Video chatting can be done via FaceTime (Apple products), Google Duo or Facebook Messenger (Apple or Android products). We are not using Skype at this time.

Main Building

Kari Belanger ~ 932-3032

Linda Burton ~ 932-3159

Cottages

Sarah Backlund~ 932-3650

Family Updates

Testing Results

We have had four staff members test positive since last month's report, two of the employees are fully vaccinated and the other two are unvaccinated. Our County positivity rate was 11.0% on October 18 and 9.9% as of November 1st.

Vaccinations

CMS shows our facility as having 99.3% of residents and 78% of staff vaccinated as of October 3. The percentages fluctuate depending on employment status and new admissions and discharges. 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. We continue to wait for the guidance and regulations on mandating of the COVID vaccine for healthcare personnel. Our staff and residents initially received the Moderna vaccine. There is preliminary approval for a third dose, however, we have been advised to wait for the actual FDA guidance. Our pharmacy will be coordinating the administration of any third doses along with our influenza vaccine clinic. The residents received their vaccines on October 26 with staff to begin receiving their influenza vaccine the week of October 25th.

Visitation

We continue with electronic visits between the residents and their families. There continues to be a large volume of outdoor and community visits occurring between our residents and their families due to the continued favorable weather. The indoor visitation policy allows for some limited in-room visitation for fully vaccinated residents and visitors. We are currently planning our visitation procedures in preparation for winter weather. Our policies are available on our website under the Family Weekly Update tab.



November 7th



Daylight Savings Time ends

November 11th



November 25th



Thanksgiving Day

In accordance with regulations, fire drills are conducted monthly at Grand Traverse Pavilions. Times of fire drills are rotated so that staff on all three shifts receive experience in procedures for reporting and management of a potential fire. Repetition in enactment of monthly drills help staff to become familiar with procedural steps so that they may respond to an actual fire in a prompt, efficient manner.

Fire Drills



The fire alarms are very loud and disruptive at a noise level regulated by the life safety code, but do serve an essential purpose in alerting residents and staff of the potential danger of a fire.



Leave of Absence Medication

If you are planning a Leave of Absence (LOA) for the holidays or at any time, please make your request for medications **72 hours** in advance of the LOA. The nurses will be happy to package your medications and have them ready for pick up prior to your departure.

If you have any questions please contact your Pavilions ADON or Cottage Nurse.



When thinking about sending flowers to your loved one please consider asking your florist to arrange the flowers in a plastic vase. Plastic is a much safer, more durable medium. In the event the arrangement is accidentally knocked over the vase is less likely to break, and the arrangement is more likely to be salvaged without potential injury to residents or staff.

Social Workers

Aspen/Birch -932-3207
Cherry -932-3307
Dogwood - Cindi Pobuda.....932-3407
Elm - Holly Kazim.....932-3507
Rehab - 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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