

## Family Updates

### Testing Results

We have had five staff members test positive since the last report, with the most recent being a fully vaccinated employee that was tested on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. This individual works in our finance office and poses no exposure to our residents. All individuals on the Pavilions work roster, whether they have worked recently or not, are on-call, part-time or full time, that have not been fully vaccinated are required to be tested for COVID-19 weekly. Because there were two positive staff members who tested positive within two weeks of each other, all individuals on the Pavilions work roster must test twice weekly. CMS's published positivity rate for Grand Traverse County increased to 6.6% as of September 7th.

### Vaccinations

CMS shows our facility as having 98.2% of residents and 77.7% of staff vaccinated as of August 22. 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.

It was recently announced that nursing home workers will be mandated to be vaccinated in order to work in our facility. At this time we do not know what the regulation will state, what exemptions will be allowed or any other parameters surrounding the announcement. We are working with our pharmacy to set up the process so we are ready when the rule becomes published. Additionally, it is now mandated that we provide a third dose of the vaccine to those eligible (which is anyone who has received the first doses within the past 6-8 months) starting in October. Our pharmacy will be administering the vaccine along with the influenza vaccine to our residents and when enough is available will administer the COVID vaccine to staff.

### Visitation

Currently we are still offering a multitude of different visitation options. These options include indoor, outdoor and community visits. At this time our current policy allows for limited indoor visits, and outdoor visits with very little restrictions for those residents who are fully vaccinated. Our current policies and updates are available on our website under the Family Weekly Updates tab. For those families who don't have the ability to visit in person electronic visits are still available.



The "Legacy" Newsletter is a quarterly donor publication featuring upcoming events and relevant stories about staff, volunteers and services of the Grand Traverse Pavilions.

If you would like to receive this free publication please contact Jena Cappriccioso at 231-932-3019 or at [jcappriccioso@gtpavilions.org](mailto:jcappriccioso@gtpavilions.org) to be added to the mailing list.

Likewise, if you would like to opt out of receiving this informative Grand Traverse Pavilions publication, please contact Jena with your information.

Legacy is also available online at [www.gtpavilions.org](http://www.gtpavilions.org), go to the Foundation tab and select Legacy Magazine to view.

# Save the Date

## September 6th

Labor Day!



## September 12th

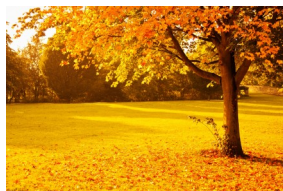
Grandparents Day



**NATIONAL ASSISTED  
LIVING WEEK**  
SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2021

## September 22nd

Autumn Begins!



## **NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK**

**SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2021**

A weeklong celebration kicks off Sunday, September 12 through the 18th, and The Cottages at The Grand Traverse Pavilions is joining tens of thousands of assisted living communities across the country for the festivities. This year's National Assisted Living Week theme – *Compassion, Community, Caring* - is very special because of the immense challenges of the past year. It honors those resilient individuals who worked so hard, went above and beyond, and never gave up. Compassion, Community, Caring reflects the hard work and dedication of all the caregivers in assisted living communities and highlights the importance of family and remaining connected to those you love.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been an enormous, unprecedented challenge. But it has also brought together assisted living residents, staff, and everyone in these communities in a way unlike before. When times got tough, staff members were there to lend an ear and their hearts. When mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, sisters, and brothers could not physically be together, caregivers became family. And even when things seemed impossible, essential assisted living staff continued to deliver the highest quality care. Thank you Grand Traverse Pavilions staff for your compassion, community involvement, and for caring.

*Shelby Mack*

Residential Services Director



### Social Workers

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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

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