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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Walla Walla Veterans Home 92 Wainwright Drive • Walla Walla, Washington 99362 • 509-394-6800

August 17, 2020

Dear Resident Representative,

We received confirmation that one of our on-call employees was diagnosed with COVID-19, the employee is now self-isolated at home. We will stay in contact with the employee to ensure they get the care they need.

We continue taking precautions with regard to wearing proper PPE, monitoring residents closely, deep cleaning areas that the employee was in, and asking staff to pay close attention to whether they have any symptoms. The staff member did not have direct contact with any residents and there were no employees who had close or direct contact with the on-call employee.

We are also working closely with the Walla Walla Department of Community Health and following guidance from CDC, CMS and our State Department of Health to ensure we are taking every possible precaution.

As COVID-19 continues to spread in our community, I want to ask that everyone does their part to minimize the spread as much as possible. Wearing masks, using social distancing, and washing hands often are precautions that we can all take to help our community make it through this pandemic.

We know that this news is difficult to hear and want you to know that we are doing everything within our power to keep our residents safe and healthy. As you know, our Walla Walla Veterans Home team is an amazing group of individuals and I have no doubt that together we will get through this challenge!

If you have any questions, please reach out to your care team or to me directly at 509-540-0316.

Sincerely,

Deaon Vincent WWVH Director of Nursing