



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
*Washington Soldiers Home, 1301 Orting Kapowsin Hwy E • Orting, Washington 98360*  
*Serving Those Who Served*

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Dear Soldiers Home Residents, Family and Representatives,

We are writing to provide an update on our COVID-19 testing and results. Yesterday, we received confirmation of a COVID-19 positive test result for 1 staff member. This staff member has not been on duty since last week and tested negative on that day during our weekly surveillance testing. We are working closely with the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department and following guidance from them, Centers for Disease Control, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and our State Department of Health to ensure we are safeguarding our residents and staff.

#### RESIDENT TESTING & SURVEILLANCE

Residents that may have had potential contact have been tested and all have come back negative. All residents remain symptom free and remain on symptom and temperature checks every shift. We will continue to follow the guidance from Centers for Disease Control, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and our State Department of Health. If additional positive cases of COVID-19 among facility staff or residents are identified through testing, WDVA will provide updates to ensure staff, residents, families, caregivers, and the community are informed of current facility status.

#### STAFF TESTING & SCREENING

Staff continue to be tested per Department of Health guidelines and as part of our ongoing screening process, all staff are screened upon arrival at work each day. This process includes a series of questions around whether symptoms are present and a temperature check. In addition, staff are asked to report any symptoms that occur after coming to work.

Sincerely,

Robert Pence, Administrator