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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Walla Walla Veterans Home**

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On August 17, we sent a message to inform you that one of our on-call staff members was diagnosed with COVID-19.

Today, we're sending another message to let you know that another employee has been diagnosed with COVID-19. This is a contract employee who works occasionally at the Walla Walla Veterans Home. Additional environmental cleaning took place in areas that the staff member worked, and anyone who had close or direct contact has been notified and will be isolated and tested according to the Walla Walla Department of Community Health and CDC guidelines.

The Walla Walla Veterans Home has had a total of 4 staff (2 permanent, 1 on-call, 1 contract), who between April 21 and today, have been diagnosed with COVID-19. The cases are not related to each other. We have not had any residents who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and we are working hard to keep it that way.

We are sending these messages to be sure you know any time we have a positive case of COVID-19 associated with our Home.

We will continue working closely with the Walla Walla Department of Community Health and following guidance from the CDC, CMS and our State Department of Health to ensure we are following all recommendations and guidance to protect residents and staff.

Ongoing preventive measures include:

- Staff who provide direct care to residents wear procedure masks and all other appropriate PPE;
- All staff wear face coverings;
- 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.
- Staff take their temperature at least twice a day;
- Staff report any symptoms that occur after coming to work.

In an effort to provide information as quickly and accurately as possible, we have developed a website to provide information to families and resident representatives, <https://www.dva.wa.gov/covid>. You can also call me directly at 509-540-0316 if you have additional questions.

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