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Dear Spokane Veterans Home Residents, Family and Staff:

I am very happy to report that beginning on Friday, we will welcome home our Spokane Veterans Home Residents who were transferred to the Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center. I would also like to take a moment to thank the amazing MGVAMC Team for taking incredible care of you or your loved one! We have seen from prior experience that it truly takes a village when it comes to the COVID-19 response and we are fortunate to have strong partnerships in the Spokane Community.

Currently 9 residents are receiving care at the MGVAMC. Because their symptoms do not require the higher level of care provided by MGVAMC; they are able to return to home here at the Spokane Veterans Home. Our team will continue to closely monitor each resident and if their condition requires additional care, we will reach out to the MGVAMC or local hospitals.

As our residents return to the Spokane Veterans Home, I want to share some of the measures we have in place to ensure their safety and the safety of other residents and staff in the building.

- All recovering COVID-19 residents and residents who have been exposed to COVID-19 will be cared for in an isolated area of the Home.
- The isolation area is divided from the rest of the Home by a double plastic barrier and includes negative air flow in each room.
- Staff members are wearing Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and following strict infection control protocols.
- Staff working in the isolation area enter and exit through separate doorways and only work in the isolation area during their shift.

I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together to get past this outbreak. Our Spokane Veterans Home team is doing an amazing job under challenging circumstances, all while focused on the needs of our residents.

Sincerely,

Patrick McNabb  
Spokane Veterans Home Administrator