April 22, 2022

Dear WWVH Residents, Family, Representatives, and Staff:

Through our proactive testing protocols, we have identified 2 staff members who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

We continue to follow guidance from the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, Center for Disease Control, CMS (Medicare and Medicaid Services), and the WA State Department of Health to ensure we are doing everything possible to safeguard our residents and staff.

**Resident Testing:** All residents on campus have been tested today and received a negative result. Two residents who are off campus will be tested immediately upon their return.

**Employee Screening, Testing, and Vaccinations:** All WWVH staff have been fully vaccinated and are currently being tested for COVID-19 twice weekly. In addition, all staff are screened upon arrival to work each day. The screening process includes a series of questions around whether symptoms are present, whether they've been exposed to a positive case, and a temperature check. Staff are asked to report any symptoms that may present after they arrived at work.

**Visitation:** No changes to current protocols.

**Facility, PPE, Housekeeping:** Our Housekeeping, Procurement, and Maintenance departments continue to work seven days a week to assure that the facility is clean and well-stocked with PPE.

To access current WDVA COVID-19 data and updates, please visit the following website that was developed for residents, families and resident representatives: [https://www.dva.wa.gov/covid](https://www.dva.wa.gov/covid).

Respectfully,

Lonna Leno
Administrator
Walla Walla Veterans Home