

May 10, 2022

Dear WWVH Residents, Families, Representatives, and Staff:

Through our proactive testing practices, we have identified 2 more staff members and another resident who have tested positive for COVID-19. This brings our total to 6 recovered staff, 2 current positive staff, and 2 positive residents since April 22.

To ensure we're doing all we can to safeguard our residents and staff, we are following current guidance from the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, CDC, CMS, and the WA State Department of Health. In addition, our dedicated custodians continue to work seven days a week to ensure clean, disinfected surfaces throughout the facility.

**Visitation:** Responsible parties for residents in the affected houses have been notified. Visitation in those houses is temporarily restricted to compassionate care and essential visitors. No changes to visitation protocols for the rest of the campus. On that note, [please watch for a special announcement coming soon about plans for our upcoming Memorial Day celebration!](#)

**Resident Testing:** All residents are being tested for COVID-19 today and this evening. If any additional cases are discovered, you'll be notified in a timely manner as usual.

**Employee Screening, Testing, Vaccinations:** All WWVH staff have been fully vaccinated and are currently tested for COVID-19 twice weekly. In addition, all staff and visitors are screened upon arrival to the facility. The screening process includes a series of questions regarding any presence of symptoms or exposures, and a temperature check. Staff are also encouraged to report any symptoms that may present after they arrived at work.

You may access up-to-date WDVA COVID-19 information any time by visiting the following website: <https://www.dva.wa.gov/covid>.

Respectfully,

Lonna Leno, Administrator  
Walla Walla Veterans Home