



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Walla Walla Veterans Home**

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Dear WWVH Residents, Families, Representatives, and Staff:

We have identified one resident who has tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is stable and isolated in their room getting excellent care as always; and the affected house is under quarantine. In addition, since April 22, 2022 we've identified 6 positive staff, 2 of whom are now fully recovered.

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

Visitation: Responsible parties for residents in the affected neighborhood have been notified, and visitation in that location is temporarily restricted to compassionate care and essential visitors only. No changes to current visitation protocols in the rest of the neighborhoods on campus.

Resident Testing: Except for the one positive case reported in this letter, all residents tested negative yesterday and will be retested later this week.

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.

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.

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

Respectfully,

Lonna Leno
Administrator
Walla Walla Veterans Home

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