



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

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Dear WWVH Residents, Families, Representatives, and Staff:

Through our proactive testing practices, we have identified 1 more resident who has tested positive for COVID-19. This brings our total to 1 recovered resident, 2 current positive residents, 6 recovered staff, and 2 current positive staff 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. Thank you for continuing to screen-in prior to entering any building on campus, and for properly wearing a mask at all times during your visits. **Speaking of visits... please see the attached flier for details on our upcoming Memorial Day celebration on May 27! We're warmly inviting families to join their loved one(s) here at WWVH for a special afternoon program starting at 2:00PM.**

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.

In addition to email notifications for families/responsible parties, this information is also distributed in-person to residents across the WWVH campus, and hard copies are mailed to resident representatives who prefer that form of communication. You may also access up-to-date WDVA COVID-19 information any time by visiting <https://www.dva.wa.gov/covid>.

Respectfully,

Lonna Leno, Administrator
Walla Walla Veterans Home

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