



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

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Dear WWVH Residents, Families, Representatives, and Staff:

COVID-19 Update

Through our proactive testing protocols, we have identified another COVID-19 positive resident, and two more positive staff. This brings our current numbers, as of 6/11, to: Two recovered residents, five current positive residents, two recovered staff, and five current positive staff.

We continue to follow guidance from the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, CDC, CMS, and the WA State Department of Health. In addition, our dedicated custodians are working seven days a week to ensure clean, disinfected surfaces throughout the facility.

Visitation: All visitors must screen in PRIOR to visiting their loved one. Screening binders are at the entrance desk of every house (organized by room number), and in the Community Center main lobby. Because this is a healthcare facility, masks are still required on campus for all visitors, vendors, contractors, and staff. *As a reminder, please take a look at this video on current visitation recommendations for long term care facilities:* https://youtu.be/sRAJE_maI9s

Employee Screening, Testing, Vaccinations: All WWVH staff are fully vaccinated, tested 2X/week, and screened for symptoms and/or COVID-19 exposures upon arrival to the facility.

Music this Friday! This coming Friday, 7/8, at 2pm local musician Mike Mendoza will be putting on a concert for residents and families on our back patio! We'd love to see you at the concert. See the attached invitation letter from Clay Lindsey, WWVH Activities Director, *and please remember the COVID-19 related visitation guidelines while on campus - for everyone's health and safety.*

In addition to email notifications, this information is personally distributed to all residents, 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: www.dva.wa.gov/covid.

Respectfully,

Lonna Leno, Administrator
Walla Walla Veterans Home

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