

Dear Residents, Families, Resident Representatives, and Staff:

We're excited to invite you all to our FREE COVID-19 "bivalent" booster clinic on October 13 and 14! We have secured special permission to make this available to anyone in the community who is eligible!! Please see below (info below this message) and the attached flier and let us know if you and/or your family or friends would like to take advantage of this great opportunity. Our fabulous nurses will be giving the shots, and trust me... I think you'll really enjoy meeting them. They genuinely care about our residents AND you... the loved ones of our residents.

And now, on to our COVID-19 update We've changed the format of our notification letters to allow you to easily scan for changes. These letters are sent to provide you with up-to-date information on the COVID-19 status in our Home, and meet the notification requirements of CMS and L&I.

We are working closely with our local Health Department, Centers for Disease Control, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and our State and Local Departments of Health, and following their guidance and to ensure we are safeguarding our residents and staff.

#### Resident COVID-19 Cases

Date of 1 <sup>st</sup> Resident Case in Current Outbreak	New Resident Cases Since Last Report	Total Cases in Current Outbreak	Neighborhoods
N/A	0	0	N/A

#### Staff COVID-19 Cases

1 <sup>st</sup> Staff Case in Current Outbreak	New Staff Cases	Total in Current Outbreak
9/28/22	1 employee	3

*The status of "outbreak" for WWVH staff will continue until twenty-eight days have passed from the first staff positive result for the current outbreak.*

All residents in affected and potentially affected areas have been tested and are negative.

**Modifications to Visitation, Group Activities, and Dining Rooms:** No change to current protocols.

**Vaccine Information:** As a part of our continued efforts to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we continue to offer vaccination boosters to staff and residents who wish to receive the vaccine booster. We encourage all residents, staff, and community members who are able and eligible to be vaccinated to consider getting vaccinated for COVID-19, and if vaccinated to consider getting the booster. Additional information can be found at [www.dva.wa.gov/covid](http://www.dva.wa.gov/covid), or by calling us at 509-394-6800.

Sincerely,

Lonna Leno, Administrator

## FREE FLU SHOTS and "BIVALENT" COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOTS at WWVH!

**When? October 13 and 14, 2022**

- 10 AM - 12:30 PM & 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

**What does “BIVALENT” mean? “Two for one”!**

- The new Bivalent booster shot targets TWO versions of the coronavirus: the original strain and the omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5

**Who? Available to ANYONE who is eligible! So... who’s eligible??**

- Have received primary series of COVID-19 vaccines (2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna, or 1 dose of J&J), be at least 2 months since receiving your primary series, and be...
  - 18+ years old to receive Moderna bivalent booster
  - 12+ years old to receive Pfizer bivalent booster
- It must be at least 2 months since you have received your primary series or booster shot. If you recently had COVID-19, you may consider delaying your next vaccine dose by 3 months from when your symptoms started or when you received a positive test if asymptomatic.
- Everyone 6 months of age+ should get an influenza flu vaccine every season (with rare exceptions).

**To sign up, email: [Kylea.macivor@dva.wa.gov](mailto:Kylea.macivor@dva.wa.gov)**

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