



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
*Spokane Veterans Home • 222 E 5th • Spokane WA 99202-0538*

October 9, 2022

Dear Residents, Families, and Resident Representatives,

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 Department of Health and following their guidance and recommendations to ensure we are safeguarding our residents and staff.

**Resident COVID-19 Cases**

<b>Date of 1<sup>st</sup> Resident Case in Current Outbreak</b>	<b>New Resident Cases Since Last Report</b>	<b>Total Cases in Current Outbreak</b>	<b>Units with Positive Residents</b>
DATE: 09- 25-2022	NUMBER: 2	NUMBER: 21	Number: North Wing/ 1 new one on main hallway on first floor. We did have 1 resident test positive on second floor. We have located this person downstairs.

Of the Residents diagnosed with COVID-19 during this outbreak, none of the residents are considered recovered.

\*We will continue in outbreak status for two weeks if no other residents have a positive test result.

**Staff COVID-19 Cases**

<b>Date of 1<sup>st</sup> Staff Case in current Outbreak</b>	<b>New Staff Cases</b>	<b>Total Cases in Current Outbreak</b>
DATE: 9-20-2022	NUMBER: 2	NUMBER: 13

\*Current staff outbreak status will continue until twenty-eight days have passed from the first staff positive result for the current outbreak.

### **Activities and Visitors**

Please be cautious when you are visiting residents in the facility. All visitors are required to screen in at the front kiosk before entering the facility. Compassionate, virtual and window visits are encouraged, and we encourage scheduling appointments through our activities department. Please contact Recreation Therapy department at (509) 688-9209 or (509) 221-0799 to make these arrangements.

### **Dietary**

We have suspended meals in the dining room temporarily to control the spread of the outbreak. We are waiting on further guidance from the department of health.

### **Facility Maintenance**

- Our Housekeeping, Maintenance and Laundry departments continue to ensure that our facility, equipment, and linens are kept clean and sanitized. Our housekeeping team provides continuous disinfecting of all the most commonly touched surfaces within the building along with the daily cleaning, sanitation, and repair routines that they provide.
- For the safety of the visitor, in general, residents/patients are encouraged to limit in-person visitation while they are infectious. There is a risk that you contract COVID-19. While visiting only visit the resident/patient room. Minimize time spent in other locations in the facility.
- Visitors should not visit the facility until 10 days from COVID-19 illness. Visitors not up to date with COVID-19 vaccines should not visit the facility until 10 days from COVID-19 exposure, or 7 days with a negative test.

### **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 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 509-344-5770.

Sincerely,

*Patrick McNabb*

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Administrator