

September 30, 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

Date of 1 st Resident Case in Current Outbreak	New Resident Cases Since Last Report	Total Cases in Current Outbreak	Neighborhoods with Positive Residents
COVID FREE AT THIS TIME	0	0	N/A

Residents diagnosed with COVID-19, 101 are now considered recovered.

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

Staff COVID-19 Cases

Date of 1 st Staff Case in current Outbreak	New Staff Cases	Total Cases in Current Outbreak
08/30/2022	2	9

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

Staff are tested twice each week and are also paying close attention to whether they have any symptoms, including the presence of a fever. As part of our ongoing screening process, all staff are screened upon arrival at work each day. This process includes a series of questions around whether symptoms are present and a temperature check. In addition, staff are asked to report any symptoms that occur after coming to work.

Other Updates:

- We are following guidance from the Kitsap Public Health District and are monitoring the effected hallway. All halls remain open for visitation currently.
- Essential Support Personnel that choose to come to visit a Resident on a potentially Isolated unit will be required to wear a mask and eye protection upon entry.
- Our Housekeeping, Maintenance and Laundry departments are also working hard throughout our facility, ensuring equipment and linen are kept clean and sanitized. Our housekeeping team provides continuous disinfections of all the most touched surfaces

within the building along with the daily cleaning, sanitation, and repair routines that they provide.

- For family members who assist their loved ones with their laundry, pickup days will be Wednesdays.
- 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, or by calling us at 360-895-4700.

Sincerely,
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Washington Veterans Home