



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
*Spokane Veterans Home • 222 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. • Spokane WA 99202-0538*

March 16, 2023

Dear Residents, Families, Resident Representatives, and Staff,

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. Per the guidance of the Spokane Regional Health Department and the CDC we are testing residents and staff twice a week until 2 weeks after our last Covid positive case.

**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>
03/13/2023	NUMBER: 3	NUMBER: 3	Number: 1

**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>
03/10/2023	NUMBER: 1	NUMBER: 2

\* Currently we are in outbreak status. We will continue to trace test per CDC guidelines and LHJ.

**Activities and Visitors**

Please be cautious when you are visiting residents in our facility, per Dept. of Health (DOH) and CDC guidelines, **it is a requirement in our facility that MASKS are required during your visitation. We ask that all visitations are in room or specific location per the facility's discretion. Masks and goggles are available by the front door as you enter the lobby. All visitors are required to screen in at the kiosk in the main lobby before entering the facility.**

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### 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.

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,



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Interim Administrator  
Spokane Veterans Home