



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

April 17, 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

Date of 1 st Resident Case in Current Outbreak	* New Resident Cases Since Last Report	Total Cases in Current Outbreak	Units with Positive Residents
03/13/2023	0	28	1 & 2

Staff COVID-19 Cases

Date of 1 st Staff Case in current Outbreak	* New Staff Cases	Total Cases in Current Outbreak
03/10/2023	1	32

* Currently we are in outbreak status. We will continue to trace test per CDC and local health jurisdiction guidelines.

Activities and Visitors

- In-person visits are allowed. Please only visit with the person you are here to visit. Please be cautious when you are visiting residents in our facility, per Dept. of Health (DOH) and CDC guidelines, **MASKS are required during your visitation and throughout the building. We ask that all visitations are in the Resident's room. 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.**

- For the safety of the visitor, in general, residents are encouraged to limit in-person visitation while they are infectious. There is a risk that you could contract COVID-19. 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.
- Group activities are currently suspended until further notice.
- Residents throughout our facility are dining in their rooms to minimize spread of illness.
- We will continue to monitor and test residents according to the guidance from our local health jurisdiction.

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.

Additional information can be found at www.dva.wa.gov/covid, or by calling us at 509-344-5770.

Sincerely,



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Interim Administrator
Spokane Veterans Home