



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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April 17, 2023

Dear Residents, Families, and Visitors:

The Washington Veterans Home is currently working with the Kitsap County Health Department to investigate a number of residents and staff at the Home who became ill with symptoms of diarrhea or vomiting. We have identified the illness may be consistent with a norovirus infection. Outbreaks of norovirus within health care facilities, long-term care facilities, and other community settings are frequently reported every year. We are notifying you in the interest of public awareness and safety.

Norovirus symptoms begin to show about 12 to 48 hours after exposure. If you are feeling sick consider notifying your health care provider. The best way to prevent infection from norovirus and other communicable illnesses now and year-round is to wash your hands with soap and water. We encourage all residents, families, and visitors to wash your hands frequently while in the building and after leaving the facility.

Washington Veterans Home has taken appropriate steps to control a potential norovirus outbreak and has strengthened all infection control measures. The facility is working closely with the Kitsap County Health Department to investigate reported illnesses, determine cause, and prevent the potential spread of new infections.

For any questions regarding this notification alert please contact: Aimee Clifford, Infection Control, at 360-895-4466.

Sincerely,
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