



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Walla Walla Veterans Home**

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Dear Residents, Families, Resident Representatives, and Staff:

This letter is intended to provide an update on our COVID-19 status at the Walla Walla Veterans Home. These notifications are sent out to provide up-to-date information on COVID-19 in each of the Washington State Veterans Homes, and to meet notification requirements of CMS and L&I.

We are closely following the most current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and our state and local Departments of Health to ensure we are safeguarding our residents and staff.

Resident COVID-19 Cases:

1st Resident Case in Current Outbreak	New Resident Cases Since Last Report	Total Cases in Current Outbreak	Neighborhood(s)
Friday, 4/7/2023	1	5	Kirkman

Staff COVID-19 Cases:

1st Staff Case in Current Outbreak	New Staff Cases	Total in Current Outbreak
Friday, 4/7/2023	2	4

Healthcare Setting COVID-19 Outbreak Definition: 1 or more COVID-19 case(s) which originated in the veterans home in a resident OR 3 or more suspected, probable, or confirmed COVID-19 cases in Healthcare Personnel linked to facility exposure AND no other more likely sources of exposure for at least 1 of the cases.

Visitation, Group Activities, and Dining Rooms: No change to current protocols. Families of residents in the affected neighborhood are notified and provided the appropriate guidance.

REMINDER FOR ALL VISITORS: Please remember to screen-in at the COVID-19 screening kiosk in the entry of the house you're visiting PRIOR TO contact with residents or staff. If you have been exposed to a positive case and/or have symptoms (**or potential symptoms**), it is best to either stay away from WWVH until symptoms have subsided, or test at home before coming to the facility, or call us in advance so we can assist you here. If you test positive and have been at the facility at any time within the week prior, please notify us by calling our Infection Preventionist at **509-394-6808**.

Thank you,

Lonna Leno, Administrator
Walla Walla Veterans Home

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