



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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Dear Residents, Families, and Resident Representatives,

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 1st Resident Case in Current Outbreak	New Resident Cases Since Last Report	Total Cases in Current Outbreak	Neighborhoods with Positive Residents
08/03/2023	5	21	2

Staff COVID-19 Cases

Date of 1st Staff Case in current Outbreak	New Staff Cases	Total Cases in Current Outbreak
07/24/2023	5	31

Outbreak status will continue until fourteen days have passed from the most recent staff or resident positive result.

We will continue to monitor and test staff and residents according to the guidance from our local health jurisdiction. 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.
- **Until further notice all Staff and Visitors will be wearing a face mask while in resident care areas.**
- **Residents are encouraged to wear a face mask when leaving their room and during care from facility staff.**
- 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 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.

Vaccine Information

We encourage all residents, staff, and community members who are able and eligible to be vaccinated to consider getting vaccinated for COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV. Please contact your physician or area pharmacist.

Healthcare Setting COVID-19 Outbreak Definition:

1 or more COVID-19 case(s) which originated in the veteran's home in a resident OR 1 or more COVID-19 cases in Healthcare Personnel linked to facility exposure.

Additional information can be found at www.dva.wa.gov/covid, or by calling us at 360-895-4700.

Sincerely,

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