



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Spokane Veterans Home • 222 E. 5th Ave. • Spokane WA 99202-1394

January 16, 2024

Dear Residents, Families, and Resident Representatives:

We have 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; following their guidance and recommendations to ensure that we are safeguarding our residents and our staff.

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 |
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| DATE: 01/15/2024 | NUMBER: 2 | NUMBER: 2 | NUMBER: 1 ST Floor and 2 nd Floor |

Of the Residents diagnosed with COVID-19 during this outbreak, none of these residents are considered recovered.

***We will continue in outbreak status for two weeks if no other residents have a positive test result.**

Activities and Visitors

Please be cautious when you are visiting residents in our facility. Wearing a mask is encouraged as we continue with activities, while implementing social distancing, and following CDC Guidelines.

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 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 and patients are encouraged to limit in-person visitation while they are infectious. There is a risk that you will contract COVID-19. While visiting please visit only 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

As a part of our continued efforts to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we will continue to offer vaccination boosters to residents who wish to receive the vaccine booster. We encourage all residents, staff, and community members who are able and eligible to be vaccinated to consider getting vaccinated for COVID-19, and if vaccinated consider getting the booster.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Michaels
Administrator