



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Washington Soldiers Home and Colony

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Dear Residents, Families, and Resident Representatives,

This letter is being sent to provide you with up-to-date information on the status in our Home and meet the notification requirements. Currently, we are out of our **Influenza** and **COVID** outbreaks.

We worked closely with the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department, Centers for Disease Control, Centers for Medicare, and Medicaid Services (CMS), and our State Department of Health and followed their guidance and recommendations to ensure we were safeguarding our residents and staff.

As of 09/04/2024 none of our residents or staff test positive for any of the diseases.

- Staff stopped wearing N95 masks within the facility.
- In-person visits are allowed without restrictions, but we do ask that you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- Communal dining, and group activities can resume, and the gym will be open. Masks are no longer required.
- **Hand hygiene** is our number one defense against many illnesses.

To provide information as quickly and accurately as possible, we have developed a website to provide information to families and resident representatives, <https://www.dva.wa.gov/covid>.

Thank you and stay safe!

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