January 3, 2022

Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

I hope the New Year finds you safe and healthy. The COVID-19 virus is once again rapidly spreading. In Wisconsin, we are seeing the highest one-day case counts of COVID-19 since last November when virus cases were peaking. We are trending in the wrong direction so we must all refocus our efforts to protect ourselves and one another.

Since we updated you on December 30th, we have had 1 member and 11 employees test positive for COVID-19. Currently, we have 15 cases of COVID-19 on campus (1 member, 14 employees).

As a reminder, in November, CMS updated its visitation guidance. Our Wisconsin Veterans Homes are fully open to visitors even when we have cases of COVID on campus as long as the visit occurs in a manner that does not place residents at risk. Potential visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, any symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for self-quarantine, should not visit our Home until they have fully recovered. All visitors are required to wear a mask.

Finally, if you are feeling sick, get tested. Whether you have COVID-19, the flu, or something else, a proper diagnosis gets you treatment faster and protects everyone around you. Continue to wear a mask when out, remain six feet away from others, avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, wash your hands frequently, and get vaccinated.

Thank you for your commitment to our health and safety.

Sincerely,

Diane Lynch
Administrator of the Division of Veterans Homes