



January 7, 2022

Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

Omicron is rapidly spreading and many of our friends, family, and colleagues are getting ill. In Wisconsin, we've had record high cases of COVID-19 three days in a row now, and a record high of new confirmed cases. 11,547 is the highest one-day report throughout the pandemic to date. This is concerning, as we know that cases in our Homes follow the trends in the community in which they are located.

Since we updated you yesterday, we have had 1 employee test positive for COVID-19. Currently, we have 20 total cases of COVID-19 on campus (3 members, 17 employees).

While our high vaccination rate among members is helping to keep the spread among them low, our hardworking staff continue to protect them and prevent the spread. And we've upped the level of protection by switching to full-time wear of N-95 masks. We continue to test staff twice weekly for the virus, practice social distancing, and more.

We need you to help us stop the spread. Continue to wear a mask when out in public, remain six feet away from others, avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, wash your hands frequently, get vaccinated and boosted. Find vaccine near you: <http://vaccines.gov>.

Thank you for your commitment to the health and safety of our campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Lynch".

Diane Lynch
Administrator of the Division of Veterans Homes