



Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

Tony Evers, Governor | Mary M. Kolar, Secretary

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Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

The current surge of COVID-19 cases continues to affect us all. We are asking family members, staff, and others in the community to plan ahead, consider your safest options for all your activities, and take steps to protect yourself, particularly if you are planning to visit someone here on campus. We are grateful that we are able to have visitors even when we have cases of COVID-19 on campus, but we must **all** do what we can **collectively** to protect those who live here.

Since we updated you on January 10th, we have had 2 members and 6 employees test positive for COVID-19. Currently, we have 22 cases of COVID-19 on campus (4 members, 18 employees).

I'd also like to take a moment to thank our staff here. As community spread increases, we also see increases in illnesses among our staff. Even after nearly two years of working in pandemic conditions our excellent staff continues to step up, stand in for one another, and make member care a top priority.

Finally, thank you to each of you who have been vaccinated and received your boosters. Data shows that those who are vaccinated are less likely to get seriously ill or die from COVID-19. And, vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine for as long as unvaccinated individuals if they come in close contact to the virus. Find vaccine near you: <http://vaccines.gov>.

Thank you for your commitment to our health and safety.

Sincerely,

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

Diane Lynch
Administrator of the Division of Veterans Homes