



01.19.2022 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family & Friends -

COVID -19 Update:

Here are our current COVID-19 cases at the Veterans Home:

- A total of five employees are confirmed to have the virus.
- One member is confirmed to have the virus.
- Three total employees are suspected to have the virus.
- Two employees recovered since our last update.

Current & Cumulative COVID-19 Cases:

Current Active COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	6 (five employees, one member)
Current Active COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	3 (three employees)
Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	102 (twenty-six members, seventy-three employees, three contracted individuals)
Cumulative COVID-19 Suspected Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	5 (one member, four employees)
Total Recovered (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	94 (twenty-two members, sixty-nine employees, three contracted individuals)

Wisconsin continues to set record highs with new COVID-19 cases. Omicron is spreading rapidly, and our area is seeing critically high levels of COVID-19 activity.

During the winter months, we are all staying indoors more frequently. Please limit your indoor social interactions and get vaccinated. If you must interact with others remember to physically distance, wear a mask, and wash your hands frequently. Our actions can help protect everyone in Wisconsin and reduce the spread.

Free Test Kits:

If you are feeling ill, and/or you believe you have been exposed to someone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please get tested. Right now, each household in the US can receive 4 free at-home testing kits. Click here www.usps.com/covidtest to sign up to get these kits delivered to your home. We continue to have enough testing supplies at the Veterans Home to frequently test to identify any new cases of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Plan:

Our comprehensive COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Plan is in place to help our team prioritize the health and safety of everyone who lives in and works at the Veterans Home. This plan includes:

- Requiring team members be vaccinated against COVID-19 while encouraging members and families to get the COVID-19 vaccine;
- Utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment, including a well-fitting face covering or mask that covers the mouth and nose;
- Screening and monitoring members, team members, and visitors for symptoms;
- Using alcohol-based hand rub regularly;
- Tracing individuals who come in contact with anyone affected;
- Testing members and team members based on federal and state guidance;
- Quarantining COVID-19 positive members and implementing enhanced infection control measures;
- Advising COVID-19 positive team members to take all appropriate measures;
- Taking environmental safety precautions, such as disinfecting high-touch surfaces and designated visitation areas after each visit.
- Assuring safe congregate dining and group activities with social distancing; and
- Adhering to safe visitation procedures, including maintaining six feet of distance between persons.

Please see our website for our full COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Action Plan. We will continue to update you with any changes.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of our team members and members.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan M. Corcoran', written in a cursive style.

Megan M. Corcoran, NHA | Administrator
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