



01.21.2022 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family & Friends -

**COVID -19 Update:**

Here is our COVID-19 information since our last update:

- One team member is suspected to have COVID-19.
- One member and one team member are now recovered.

**Current & Cumulative COVID-19 Cases:**

Current <b>Active</b> COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	4 (four employees)
Current <b>Active</b> COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	4 (four 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):	6 (one member, five employees)
Total <b>Recovered</b> (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	96 (twenty-three members, seventy employees, three contracted individuals)

**Boosters – Recommendation Changes:**

As you may know, the timeframe to get your booster has changed from 6 months to 5 months after your Pfizer or Moderna series. [Click Here](#) to find out more information about the boosters. [Click Here](#) to sign up for your COVID booster or vaccine at a vaccine site near you.

**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](http://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.

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.

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