



February 24, 2021

Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

We are so grateful you have chosen the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove to provide your loved one with support and services. This past year has been challenging - to say the least - but because of the support and encouragement we receive, we continue to enjoy what we do here and always appreciate the members and family we serve.

Since my update on February 19th, we have had one employee and one member test positive for COVID-19. Currently there are three active positive cases of COVID-19 on campus (one member, two employees).

On Monday, we completed our third and final vaccination clinic here on campus. While we are pleased that about 80% of our members, and nearly 40% of staff were vaccinated, we strongly encourage all who are eligible to get vaccinated when given the opportunity. For the greater community to be protected from COVID-19 (and hopefully, start a return to "normal"), we need as many people as possible to be vaccinated.

To share a bit of news, yesterday, the Department of Health Services announced that the state will be opening four community vaccine clinics in Wisconsin, including one in Racine County. This, coupled with the fact that the state is beginning to see an increase in the number of vaccine doses it receives from the federal government, means that more people in your area will have access to the vaccine more quickly. Of course, demand for the vaccine continues to outpace the supply we are seeing, but please continue to watch for more news about when and how you can be vaccinated in your community.

Finally, let us all continue to take precautions against the virus by staying home as much as possible, wearing a mask when out, remaining six feet away from others, and frequently washing our hands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Erin Johnston'.

Erin Johnston
Commandant