



April 9, 2021

Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

Hello! I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely spring weather. We are so happy to hear the birds singing and see the sun shining.

There are currently zero active cases of COVID-19 on campus and no restrictions. All residential units are open to in-room visits.

In order to best inform you of what residential units are closed we have developed an online Visitor Dashboard. The dashboard can be found at www.WisVetsHomesCOVID.com.

Per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), when a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified, a facility must immediately begin outbreak testing and suspend all visitation until at least one round of facility-wide testing is completed. While we may be able to reopen units where there everyone has tested negative, all staff and residents must still be retested every three days to seven days until testing identifies no new cases of COVID-19 among staff or residents for a period of at least 14 days since the most recent positive result.

While we strive to ensure this dashboard is always up to date, we strongly encourage members and families to communicate when planning a visit to ensure that visits are allowed on the unit. Family and friends can also call the unit to verify.

Finally, we continue to urge you to get vaccinated against COVID-19. In order to continue to have in-room visits we need to meet CMS standards including a low community positivity rate, limited facility (staff and member) positive cases, and a high vaccination rate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erin Johnston'.

Erin Johnston
Commandant