



Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

Tony Evers, Governor | Mary M. Kolar, Secretary

April 21, 2021

Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

I hope this letter finds you well. As you know, our state continues to work hard to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to get vaccinated as quickly as possible, particularly given the new variant of the virus that has been found. Please take care and continue to exercise caution.

Today, we have had one employee test positive for COVID-19. This is currently the only active case on campus.

Unfortunately, we must suspend visits in both Boland and Gates Halls effective immediately per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and we must initiate facility-wide COVID-19 testing. We will work to get testing done expeditiously in hopes of re-opening to visits as soon as possible.

As a reminder, to best inform you of what member units are closed we have developed an online Visitor Dashboard. The dashboard can be found at www.WisVetsHomesCOVID.com. 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. This will help to keep our community, members, and staff healthy and safe from the coronavirus. As always, continue to stay home as much as possible, wear a mask when out, remain six feet away from others, and frequently wash your hands.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Johnston, USA".

Erin Johnston
Commandant