



April 27, 2021

Dear King Members, Friends, and Family:

I am thankful for the spirit of collaboration among our veterans home family in our fight against COVID-19. The pandemic changed many things, but it did not change the fact that we truly care about each other.

Today, we had two employees test positive for COVID-19. Unfortunately, we must suspend visits in MacArthur Hall Floor 2, MacArthur Hall Floor 3, Olson Hall Floor 3, and Olson Hall Floor 4, effective immediately per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and initiate facility-wide COVID-19 testing. Testing will begin tomorrow, and 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, while Wisconsin is more than halfway to reaching its goal of immunizing 80% of residents, we must still exercise caution to remain safe and healthy. Please continue to wear a mask when out, remain six feet away from others, avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, wash your hands frequently, and get vaccinated. If you are still in need of a vaccine, a new tool makes finding one easier. Visit <https://vaccinefinder.org/> for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Servatius".

Tammy Servatius, Commandant