



July 19, 2021

Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

Hello! I hope you are all having a safe and enjoyable summer. Campus is truly beautiful this time of year and we are all enjoying the sunshine and our time outdoors.

Today, we have had one employee test positive for COVID-19. This is currently the only case of COVID-19 on campus. Per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), we have begun implementing facility-wide COVID-19 testing.

In-room visits may continue for now but this may change as testing continues. As a reminder to our visitors, it is always best to call ahead to learn which member units are open or visit www.WisVetsHomesCOVID.com before visiting.

In closing, I urge you to get vaccinated against COVID-19 if you haven't already. The Delta variant is causing a surge in cases and indications are that unvaccinated people are getting sicker and deteriorating more quickly once they have the virus. A high level of vaccinations among staff and visitors is critical toward helping protect those for whom we care.

Average new COVID-19 cases continue to increase daily and Wisconsin's seven-day average for new COVID-19 cases on Friday was almost double what it was two weeks ago. We have seen that cases of COVID-19 in our Homes are more likely to occur as COVID-19 cases surge in the areas surrounding us.

COVID-19 is avoidable and preventable. Let's all take precautions against it by continuing to adhere to the guidance set by the Centers for Disease Control when it comes to face coverings, social distancing, and hand washing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Lynch".

Diane Lynch

Administrator of the Division of Veterans Homes