



July 22, 2021

Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

Since we last updated you on July 19, 2021, we have had one member and one employee test positive for COVID-19. There are currently three cases (one member, two employees) 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 have been suspended in Gates Hall units A&B. 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.

If you haven't already been vaccinated, I continue to urge you to do so. Currently, over 98 percent of COVID-19 cases are occurring in people who are not fully vaccinated.

The Delta variant is causing a surge in cases. According to the Department of Health Services the spread of the COVID-19 virus is high in 29 counties – including Racine County. There are twice as many counties with a high level of spread than had high spread a week 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 black ink that reads "Diane Lynch".

Diane Lynch

Administrator of the Division of Veterans Homes