



7.29.2021 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family and Friends,

COVID-19 Updates:

At the Veterans Home, we have had no new confirmed COVID-19 cases among members or staff in 6 months.

Here is our current and cumulative information:

Current Active COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	0
Current Active COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	0
Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	63 (twenty-four members, thirty-six employees, three contracted individuals)
Cumulative COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	2 (one member, one employee)
Total Recovered:	61 (twenty-one members, thirty-seven employees, three contracted individuals)

Delta Variant Update

The Delta variant now accounts for 80% of COVID-19 cases in the US. In fact, 90% of those hospitalized today with COVID-19 are unvaccinated and are positive for this variant. Because it’s much more transmissible, the CDC has released new guidance related to the use of masks in public spaces.

Per CDC guidance, those residing in areas of “high” or “substantial” levels of community transmission must wear masks regardless of vaccination status. As of today, Chippewa County has a Moderate community transmission rate. Masks continue to be required when on-site at the Veterans Home for everyone’s safety, except in certain circumstances outlined in our Visitor Attestation below.

As a reminder, our team members are required to wear masks regardless of community transmission rate.

Schedule Member In-Person Visits here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DAAAB23A0FFC34-april>

*This website was updated to make it easier to sign up for visits! **Check it out!***

Visiting Guidelines – PLEASE READ! Our #1 goal is to keep the members and team members safe, especially with the increase in the Delta variant. Please help us by abiding by our current guidelines, which are also available by the kiosk when you sign in.

Guidelines for Visiting During COVID-19 Pandemic

- Visitor will be screened for any COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of age
- Visits will take place in member room (or other private space as designated)
- The Visitor will be provided with a new procedural face mask to wear while at the Veterans Home
- Mask & Social Distance Expectations while visitors are in member's room:
 - Member Fully Vaccinated + All Visitors Fully Vaccinated = No masks need to be worn
 - Member Fully Vaccinated + 1 Visitor is Fully Vaccinated + 1 Visitor is NOT vaccinated = Everyone should wear masks
 - Member Fully Vaccinated + No Visitors are vaccinated = Everyone should wear masks
 - Member NOT Fully Vaccinated + Visitors Fully Vaccinated = Everyone should wear masks AND should be socially distanced
 - Member NOT Fully Vaccinated + Visitors NOT Vaccinated = Everyone should wear masks AND should be socially distanced
- Visitors need to bring proof of their vaccination status in order for masks not to be worn in the member's room. Please bring in proof at your next visit, or email your vaccination proof to Katie Plendl, Director of Admissions and Volunteer Services, at katie.plendl@dva.wi.gov
- Visitors will take a direct path to the member room & will stay in that designated space for the duration of the visit. Fully vaccinated Visitors should still wear face masks when not in the member's room
- Visitor & member will complete appropriate hand hygiene before & after the visit
- If touching occurs, visitors and members both should perform hand hygiene before and after touching for safety
- Visitors should still socially distance from other members, staff or Visitors while at the Veterans Home
- 2 visitors are welcome to be with any one member at a time
- No pets are allowed to visit at this time

Thank you for your support and understanding; we are all in this together. Please do not hesitate to contact Katie Plendl, Director of Admissions and Marketing at 715-720-6775 or Veterans.Home-CF@dva.wi.gov with any questions or concerns you may have.

Best,



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