

1.3.2022 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family & Friends -

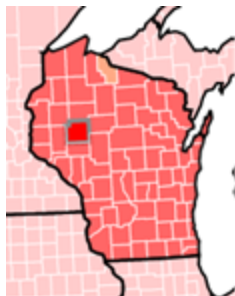
COVID -19 Update:

One additional confirmed case of COVID-19 has been identified in a team member since our last update. Fortunately, this person has not been at the Veterans Home in over one month. Additionally, we also have three team members who are suspected to have COVID-19 and are awaiting test results. Two team members have also recently recovered. We currently have no member cases.

Current & Cumulative COVID-19 Cases:

Current Active COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	1 (one employee)
Current Active COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	3 (three employees)
Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	86 (twenty-five members, fifty-eight employees, three contracted individuals)
Cumulative COVID-19 Suspected Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	5 (one member, four employees)
Total Recovered (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	83 (twenty-two members, fifty-seven employees, three contracted individuals)

Please know that our goal is to safeguard your health and safety— especially as highly transmissible variants of COVID-19, like Omicron and Delta, are becoming more widespread in the United States. Our counties in Wisconsin continue to be in a high level of community transmission, so please continue to keep yourselves safe while out and about. Wear your mask, keep socially distanced, stay home if you're ill, and wash your hands often. We will continue to test often to quickly identify any additional cases.



While we permit visitors at all times, we ask that anyone who feels ill or has any symptom of COVID-19 to postpone their visit. While you are visiting with your loved ones, please wear a face mask, practice physical distancing as appropriate, and limit your movement throughout our care community as much as possible. You may also ask to receive a rapid COVID test prior to your visit, or test in the community prior to your visit. Additionally, please know the risks associated with visiting during a COVID-19 outbreak.

COVID-19 Plan:

Our comprehensive COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Plan is in place to help our team prioritize the health and safety of everyone who lives in and works at the Veterans Home. This plan includes:

- Requiring team members be vaccinated against COVID-19 while encouraging members and families to get the COVID-19 vaccine;
- Utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment, including a well-fitting face covering or mask that covers the mouth and nose;
- Screening and monitoring members, team members, and visitors for symptoms;
- Using alcohol-based hand rub regularly;
- Tracing individuals who come in contact with anyone affected;
- Testing members and team members based on federal and state guidance;
- Quarantining COVID-19 positive members and implementing enhanced infection control measures;
- Advising COVID-19 positive team members to take all appropriate measures;
- Taking environmental safety precautions, such as disinfecting high-touch surfaces and designated visitation areas after each visit;
- Assuring safe congregate dining and group activities with social distancing; and
- Adhering to safe visitation procedures, including maintaining six feet of distance between persons.

Please see our website for our full COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Action Plan. We will continue to update you with any changes.

Finally, I cannot encourage you enough to get vaccinated against COVID-19, get your COVID-19 booster shot, and obtain your flu shot if you haven't already. Please contact us if you need assistance or would like more information.

Best,



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