



March 4, 2021

Dear King Members, Friends, and Family:

Greetings! Earlier this week new groups became eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in our state. For those of you who have not yet received a vaccine, I encourage you to visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm> to learn who is currently eligible, find out where you can get it, and see the answers to other FAQs. As I've said before, every person who gets vaccinated helps bring an end this pandemic and protects the vulnerable population that we serve at our Wisconsin Veterans Homes and others in our communities.

Since my update on February 18th, we have had one member test positive for COVID-19. Currently, this is the only active positive case of COVID-19 on campus.

I'd also like to share that we received notification that a COVID-recovered member's death was classified by the medical examiner as related to COVID. This is one of a limited number of instances where the death of a member who was recovered for several weeks or even months is later classified as a COVID death. We accept the determination of the medical examiner and local health department and do not speculate how an individual's co-morbidities contributed to their passing.

That said, we are confident in our determination that the member was recovered. We follow CDC guidelines in our recovery determinations which are based on length of time since testing positive (a minimum of 14 days) and symptoms (must be symptom free to leave quarantine). The determination also follows an examination of other conditions caused or amplified by COVID-19. These decisions are made in tandem by our infection control preventionist and Medical Director. Please understand that getting this decision correct is of utmost importance to us as preventing the spread of the virus in our facilities is a top priority and we are confident in this process. Thank you for understanding. We take pride in the work our staff is doing and we want families to be assured that we are not trying to hide anything.

Until everyone can receive a vaccine, we need to continue using all the tools we have to fight COVID-19. Please continue to take precautions against the virus by staying home as much as possible, wearing a mask when out, remaining six feet away from others, and frequently washing your hands.

Sincerely,

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

Tammy Servatius, Commandant