



Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

Tony Evers, Governor | Mary M. Kolar, Secretary

May 6, 2021

Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

Good afternoon. We want to wish all our mothers a Happy Mother's Day! For some families, this Mother's Day will be the first chance in over a year to see each other in person. We are so grateful for our dedicated team members who gave so much of themselves to keep our moms (and all members) healthy, comfortable, and personally connected when COVID kept us apart.

Since we updated you on April 27th, we have had one member test positive for COVID-19. This is the only case of COVID-19 on campus at this time.

Per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), we have initiated facility-wide COVID-19 testing for staff and members and thus far no additional cases have been identified. We are currently able to allow in-room visits everywhere except in the quarantine area (Gates Hall Wing-D). That said, it is always best to call ahead to learn which member units are open or visit www.WisVetsHomesCOVID.com.

As public health protocols continue to ease as the rate of cases continues to decline in Wisconsin, we continue to encourage you to exercise caution to remain safe and healthy. Please continue to wear a mask when out, remain six feet away from others, avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, wash your hands frequently, and get vaccinated. If you are still in need of a vaccine, a new tool makes finding one easier. Visit <https://vaccinefinder.org/> for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Johnston" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Erin Johnston
Commandant