



July 30, 2021

Dear Union Grove Members, Friends and Family:

Since our last update on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, our testing has increased our COVID-19 positive status by two additional staff members. This brings our collective to three staff out of the work unit (one has since recovered) and no members. We are sad to share our member who tested positive last week has passed away. We extend our sincere condolences to the family.

More than ever, the time to be vigilant is now. COVID-19 cases across the country are on the rise. COVID-19 impacts our communities more than the general population due to the vulnerability of our members. If you haven't already been vaccinated, I continue to urge you to do so. You can find a vaccination location by going to this website:

<https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>

In room visits have reopened in Gates Hall and are available to all member areas. Please remember Visitors must follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) **Core principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention to include the following for visitations:**

- Screening for signs and symptoms of COVID-19
- Hand hygiene
- Face covering or mask, covering mouth and nose, always
- Social distancing of at least six feet between persons
  - If two weeks has passed since the member received his/her 2nd COVID vaccine, physical touch can occur.
  - If touching occurs, both member and guest must perform hand hygiene before and after touching for safety.

Per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), we continue facility-wide COVID-19 testing for staff and members. Please note, we will continue to post any necessary updates on [www.WisVetsHomesCOVID.com](http://www.WisVetsHomesCOVID.com)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Lynch".

Diane Lynch  
Administrator of the Division of Veterans Homes