



September 17, 2020

Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

I am happy to be able to report to you today that we received all the results of our most recent round of testing of Members and staff for coronavirus at our Home and **every test has come back negative!**

While this is great news, we must never let our guard down. As we all witnessed last month, this virus is very contagious. I am so proud of the way our staff rose to this challenge. Now, we must remain vigilant and continue the good practices that helped us to prevent it from coming into our Home for many months and recover when it did, particularly since coronavirus cases in the state and nation continue to rise.

With this good news, we will begin reevaluating our safe visits plan and allow new admissions. However, to make these things happen, we need your help. We can only do these things if we do not have COVID-19 in our Home. The way you can help is by continuing good, safe practices. Please, stay at home as much as possible and avoid gatherings. If you must go out, remember to practice social distancing, mask wearing, and frequent hand washing.

Finally, thank you to all who have shared with us your email addresses and cell phone numbers as we continue to transition from paper-based communications to digital communications. For those who haven't yet, **I encourage you to visit www.WisVetsEmail.com and provide us with your name, email address, and/or cell phone number.** This will allow us to send future updates such as these to you via email or text. Initially, this will not replace paper communications, but we want to be able to provide these updates to you as quickly as possible. We will eventually be transitioning away from paper communications. In the meantime, as a reminder, these updates are available on the WDVA website at www.WisVetsHomesCOVID.com.

If you have any questions, I am happy to address them.

Sincerely,

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

Diane Lynch, Homes Division Administrator