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Serving Those Who Served

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Dear WSH Resident, Family and Resident Representatives:

In our continued effort to share information with you, we are reporting as a result of our facility-wide testing, one additional resident has been diagnosed with COVID-19. We continue to work closely with the Department of Health Infection Preventionist as well as the Tacoma-Pierce County Health District. We continue to monitor all our residents closely with symptom checks and weekly testing.

Staff are also being tested weekly and since our last communication we did have two additional staff member test positive. Staff continue to monitor whether they have any symptoms, including the presence of a fever. As part of our ongoing screening process, all staff are screened upon arrival at work each day. This process includes a series of questions around whether symptoms are present and a temperature check. In addition, staff are asked to report any symptoms that occur after coming to work.

VACCINE INFORMATION:

Another reminder regarding vaccinations. Our next vaccination clinic will take place on February 2nd for those that need the second dose of the series, and for those that were not able to receive their first dose during the first vaccination clinic.

For all those that still need the first dose and for those that will receive a second dose we will need a signed consent form. If you are a resident POA, please ensure we have received your signed consent as soon as possible as vaccinations must be ordered 24 hours in advance of the vaccine clinic. We have enclosed a copy with a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience. For those receiving this letter via e-mail you can use the electronic form found at the below web address:

<https://www.dva.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-12/Walgreens%20COVID-19%20LTCF%20VAR%2012.08.2020.pdf>

You may return the from by mail or electronically using the below contacts:

- Secure fax to: 360-893-4591
- Take a clear photo and text to: 253-278-0837
- Scan and email to: Tena.Chevalier@DVA.WA.GOV

In an effort to provide information as quickly and accurately as possible, we have developed a website to provide information to families and resident representatives, <https://www.dva.wa.gov/covid>.

If you have any questions regarding the vaccination please call Tena Chevalier, Director of Nursing at 360-893-4529.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you would prefer to receive these messages more quickly via email, please provide your email address to romyr@dva.wa.gov or call (360) 893-4501.

Sincerely



Robert Pence, Administrator