

STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Dear Washington Veterans Home Residents, Family and Representatives,

We are writing to provide an update on our COVID-19 testing and results. The Washington Veterans Home has had no COVID-19 positive residents since Jan 21, 2021. Starting March 1, 2021, the Washington Veterans Home will be moving towards monthly staff testing, as the overall positive COVID-19 cases continue to decrease in Kitsap County.

Staff are still required to wear a facial mask and goggle within residents' areas and maintains social distance throughout their shift. Additional PPE requirements may be used as clinically indicated.

Residents are asked to wear a mask when out of their room and maintain social distance as well.

You can find cumulative information on the number of residents and staff who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic at www.dva.wa.gov/covid.

Environmental cleaning continues to take place and the Washington Veterans Home will conduct enhanced surveillance, including 4-hour symptom and temperature checks, for residents in the affected areas for the next 14 days.

We are working with the Kitsap Public Health District and following guidance from CDC, CMS and our State Department of Health to ensure we are safeguarding our residents and staff.

At this time, we are continuing with our window visits. If you would like to schedule a window visit please contact Barb Holbrook at 360-895-4736. Our team will continue to coordinate virtual visits with family members. If you would like to schedule a visit, please call Tami Reuter, Activities Director at 360-895-4376.

Thank you trusting us with providing care to your loved one. Please feel free to contact us at 360-895-4700 with any questions or concerns.

Signed,

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