



October 22, 2021

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

Dear Resident / Representative:

This letter is to provide you with an update on the status of the Veterans Home's efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The safety and wellbeing of all residents is our top priority. The Infection Prevention and Control Committee continues to meet at least weekly to review new federal and state guidance and work closely with the county, regional, and state health department contacts.

We have had no new positive staff or resident cases this past week. A total of forty-eight residents have tested positive since testing started. Eighty staff have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available. We will continue to test all residents and staff next week due to the most recent positive case. Hawthorn Neighborhood remains under quarantine through October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Community COVID-19 positivity rates continue to be high and trending up, so we ask visitors to refrain from coming in to visit and to please use video chatting or other remote means to keep in touch with residents. Inside visits are limited to compassionate care and end-of-life only. Outside visits may continue (excluding Hawthorn until October 29<sup>th</sup>), but we ask that all visits be limited due to the current situation. If you would like to schedule a virtual visit you may contact the Recreation Therapy Department at 607-843-3177 or 607-843-3126. Please provide at least a days' notice to schedule these visits. All requests should be made by 3pm on Friday for any visits Saturday-Monday.

As always, please contact your Social Worker if you have any questions or for further assistance.

Best regards,

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