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Greetings!

I am writing to update you on the letter we sent out January 8, 2021 which indicated two of our residents had tested positive for COVID-19. As explained in that letter, these 2 residents have not shown any symptoms and we conducted additional testing to verify their initial test results. We are very happy to report that both residents are negative for COVID-19. *We retested each resident with a rapid test, and then performed two additional PCR lab tests. Each of these additional tests came back negative. With this, the Walla Walla County Department Health has agreed that the initial test results for these 2 residents are considered false positives.* Thanks to the incredible hard work and dedication of the WW Veterans Home team, and strong support from resident families, we have not had any confirmed positive cases in our resident population to date! Out of an abundance of caution, we will continue to quarantine and test in the affected area this week, and staff continue wearing all appropriate PPE throughout the Homes as always. Staff also continue to be tested twice weekly.

Information for 2nd Vaccine Clinic:

Our second clinic is set for **January 21**. Residents and staff who received a first vaccine shot on December 31 will receive their second shot on this day. Residents and staff who would like to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine may also get their first shot on January 21. 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. **A second consent is needed for the second shot. If you need a new copy, it can be found online at:** <https://www.dva.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-12/Walgreens%20COVID-19%20LTCF%20VAR%2012.08.2020.pdf>

In an effort to provide COVID-19 information as quickly and accurately as possible, we have developed the following website for families and resident representatives. <https://www.dva.wa.gov/covid>.

I hope 2021 has gotten off to a good start for you, and that the "light at the end of the tunnel" keeps growing and encouraging you and your loved ones every day.

Respectfully,

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